# Human error appears likely cause of Tenerife air disaster

Dutch and American experts trying to reconstruct Sunday's Tenerife air disaster in which at least 562 died agreed that the KLM 747 began its take off run before the Pan Am had got off the runway, along which it was taxiing, but whether

the error was human or mechanical was not clear. The Dutch investigating team implied that Tenerife air traffic control was to blame. Officials admitted that the airport was not equipped with ground radar.

# Dutch and American inquiry teams sift wreckage

From Harry Debelius Santa Cruz de Tenerife,

An international panel of experts threw some light here today on the worst air disaster in history, but have not yet explained exactly what went

The collision of two jumbo Boeing 747 jets at the Los Rodeos airport yesterday afternoon took 562 lives; and of the 72 survivors, six are in extremely serious condition in hospital. Incredibly, with the huge airliners reduced to little more than charred shreds, 15 people escaped with little or no injury.

one survivor, his head tinted with iodine, helped sift through the wreckage in search of the "black box", the flight data recorder of the Pan American jumbo of which he was the flight engineer. He is Mr John Cooper, of Camberley, Surrey. He refused to comment on the collision with the KLM jumbo. [An Associated Press message An Associated Press message from Santa Cruz, quoting air-port sources, said the "black box" had been found].

While he worked with rescue crews on the debris-littered runway, experis discussed the accident at a news conference in a hotel. Señor Manuel de Prado, president of the International Air Transport Association and the accident of the International Air Transport Association and these properties. tion, said there were two key points to be resolved: the frequency or frequencies on which the two pilots listened to airport control and the question of why the two aircraft were on a collision course.

Officials admitted that the airport is not equipped with ground radar. A KLM spokes-man said this lack was an important consideration because it meant that the tower could not follow the movements of aircraft on the ground on a screen, but had to rely on physically seeing them.

While officials insisted that includes the time.

visibility yesterday at the time of the accident was not at a or the structure was not at a safety minimum, they said agree it was far from perfect and that it was misty and drizzling. The IATA president, however, maintained "there was an absolute possibility for a safe takeoff."

Asked to comment on a local newspaper report which alleged that the captain of the Pan American 747, one of the injured survivors, had said he thought be was on an auxiliary airstrip rather than on the main sunway, officials replied that they did not have any personal knowledge of the captain's remark.

The circumstances, of the accident suggest human failure at some point. Both airliners were ready for takeoff at about the same time. The KLM jet was given permission to proceed straight forward from the tarmac across a brief linking runway to reach the takeoff runway where it was allowed to turn left and go to the far end and make a 180 degree turn

preparatory to takeoff.

The Pan American jet made The Pan American jet made the same manoeuvre, except that its pilot was apparently instructed to turn left off the main runway on to a diagonal one linking the takeoff area and the parallel taxing runway. Both jets were apparently permitted to taxi slowly on the main runway towards their takeoff positions because their great size and eight parked aircraft on the tarmac made it craft on the tarmac made it almost impossible for them to

taxing runway.
When the mist-shrouded Pan-

When the mist-shrouded Pan-American jet was about to turn off the main runway into the diagonal, the KLM jumbo, already beginning to lift off, slammed into it almost headon. There were no survivors on board the KLM airliner, which carried 229 passengers and 15 crew. Both jets exploded and burned. The blast was heard five miles away, and the fire blazed until nearly dawn.

Sue Masterman writes from The

Sue Masterman writes from The Hague: A Dutch team of 13 experts, air control officials, KLM staff and detectives reaches the property of the staff o shortly after dawn
According to a leading Dutch
journalist who flew in with
them the Dutch say that the
Pan American jumbo was in
touch with the control tower
ground staff as it moved to takeoff.
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The KLM jumbo, at the other end of the runway, had waited

All that remained of the KLM jumbo jet in which all 229 passengers and 15 crew died.

Jockey Club moves

Strong measures to combet doping of racebonses have been announced by the Jockey Club. For the first time a list of prohibited substances has been published, including anabolic steroids, the presence of which will lead to the automatic disqualification of the horse and the possible withdrawal of the trainer's licence, or, in most cases, the imposition of a fine. The rules come into force on April 12. France and Ireland are expected to announce similar rules soon Page 11

Living standards decline

Eve-of-Budget statistics showed there was a 3.3 per cent fall in general living standards in the final three months of last year. The fall in real disposable income—which shows purchasing power after afflowing for taxes and anflation—pushed living standards back to the level of three years ago.

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Fight for butter subsidy

Changes for India

Mr John Säkin, the Minister of Agriculture, is trying in farm price negotiations in Brussels to persuade his EEC colleagues to agree to a 20p a lb butter subsidy for consumers from Community funds. Its cost would be partly balanced by savings on funds required to subsidize sales of surplus butter to non-Community funds.

India's new Janata Government has promised in the presidential address to the Lok Sabha to restore a constitutional balance between the people, parliament, the judiciary and the executive. It said the family planning drive would be pursued vigorously, but it would not

Tea prices: The rise in tea prices at London auctions has suddenly halted 3

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against doping

three and a half hours ar Tenerife after being rerouted from Las Palmas. This aircraft was in touch with flight conwas in touch with flight con-trol in the same control tower. Cloud prevented the two aircraft seeing each other.

Before the taxing Pan Am
747 had turned off the runway

strip, the KLM jer was given permission to take off, the Dutch claim. The Pan Am pilot probably saw it thundering towards him and tried to turn his machine off the property towards him and tried to turn his machine off the runway into an adjacent grass field.

The Dutch were unable to manoeuvre, since their nosewheel had already left the ground. The two aircraft collided askew on the runway, with only part of the head and tail section of the Pan Am aircraft being spared.

The musual leek of inquire

The unusual leak of inquiry news to the press is seen in Holland as an angry reaction against the Spanish declaration shortly after the accident that

their Tenerife air traffic con-

trol was not to blame. The Dutch sketch of events implies that they were. There has been a succession of Spanish statements putting the blame on "technical problems" or on the crews of the aircraft. The Dutch feel strongly that the Spanish should have refrained from any comment until an initial inquiry had been completed.

KLM decided not to publish a full list of the victims since they had been unable to trace the relatives of at least 30. Whole families had been wiped out in the crack all the research. out in the crash, the tour opera-tors, involved said. Queen's sympathy: The Queen sent a message to the King of Spain expressing her shock and distress over the disaster.

Late last night a United States Air Force C130 Hercules transport aircraft was due to land at Las Palmas carrying supplies of blood plasma as local hospitals began to run out. Survivors stories and runway

# Moves soon on worker power in the **Post Office**

By Paul Rounledge Labour Editor Ministers are planning to ministers are planning to introduce a one-paragraph Bill to introduce industrial democracy into the Post Office on a 50-50 management-union basis, with a "third force" of independents holding the balance. A decision to alter fundamen-

tally the management structure of the Post Office Corporation is expected in the next few weeks, and the briefest of legislation to amend the Post Office Act, 1969, is all that is needed to implement the first experi-ment in public-sector worker

The Department of Industry is working on the political pos-sibilities of introducing an amending Bill to the Act. It will reconvene the tripartite working party on managerial power-sharing between unions, the corporation's board and the Government as soon as its de-liberations are completed. Mr Kaufman, the Minister of

State for Industry, who is responsible for implementation of the scheme agreed between the three parties over the past 18 months, will steer any legislation that might come this session through the Commons. Opposition from the Liberals is

not seriously expected.

Final Cabinet authority to proceed with a two-year experi-ment of putting leaders of the main Post Office unions on to the main board is likely to be given during the next weeks. Discussions between the Gov-ernment, postal unions and the ated in a deal that gives management six seats, unions six seats, and independents with appropriate skills, four seats on reconstituted management

Industry ministers accept that the possibility of getting legis-lation through this session depends on the attitude of the Liberals. But as 97 per cent of Post Office employees are union members it is thought that the Liberals will not seek to prevent an experiment in industrial democracy based on the official trade union channel of

Minority trade union interests are catered for in the deal be-tween the Post Office unions and the corporation. But the two big unions, the Union of Post Office Workers and the Post Office Engineering Union, will predominate in a new manage-ment structure that will be care-fully watched by other public-

fully watched by other public-sector unions.

The TUC nationalized indus-tries committee is proceeding with plans to seek similar parity representation in other big state industries, with the excep-tion of power supply where the electricity manual and staff unions do not agree with the Bullock-style formula for parti-cipation on the main board of cipation on the main board of nationalized industries.

# Jenkins pay agreement for 30,000 puts pressure on phase 3

By Tim Jones Labour Reporter

Further pressure on any new phase of income policy came vosterday when Mr Clive Jenresterday when air convergen-kins, general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Tech-nical and Managerial Staffs, said he had secured binding agreements for substantial pay increases from July 31, the day increases from July 31, the day

phase two ends.

Mr Jenkins, who was speaking in Glasgow, said the agreements, with a number of large companies, had been negotiated for 30,00°C employees. They involved "a very substantial percentage" pay rise outside any figures now being mooted for a further income policy. for a further income policy. Such agreements, if ratified,

would make it very difficult for other unions to accept any phase-three deal with the Gov-ernment unless it allowed for a generous measure of flexibility over pay bargaining.

Motions on pay tabled for union conferences, which begin next month, display a growing dissatisfaction with pay restraint

and any yardstick that points the way to high-percentage or flat-rate awards will be eagerly seized on by opponents of a further round. Mr Jenkins, a leading

exponent of free collective bargaining, contended that much of the TUC's support for the present income policy had "melted away".

His remarks were made after he had made a claim for sub-stantial increases on behalf of 8,000 employees of the General Accident Fire and Life

Assurance Corporation. The claim, if conceded, would give rises ranging from 11.6 per cent for filing clerks to 23.4 per cent for departmental heads.

"We are asking for more than a catch-up contract simply because this is a major company which has in the past lagged behind the leaders in the field", Mr Jenkins said.

Figures showed, he said, that the average earnings of General

the average earnings of General Accident employees might be about 15 per cent less than the average remuneration figure of about \$2,077. Noting the company's extra-ordinary and welcome pros-perity", Mr Jenkins said the employees "will want a share

of this as well as a restoration of their purchasing power". That, he admitted, might push some wage increases to 30 per cent.

# Mr Steel announces his 'shadow cabinet'

While Mr Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party, was announcing his reconstructed "shadow bis reconstructed "shadow Administration", ministerial sources yesterday were pouring scorn on the idea that the Liberals would be directly involved in the Government's talks with the unions over a possible phase three of income possible phase three of income policy.

That suggestion was made by Mr John Pardoe, who maintains his role as Treasury spokesman, and Mr Cyril Smith, who ceases to speak for social services and represents employment, but it was said last night that it was inconceivable that Mr Pardoe would take part in the Govern-ment's talks with the unions. Although that will not come

as a surprise, the suggestion is another demonstration of the "heady" state in which the Liberals are living at Westminster since the agreement struck with the Government.
Mr. Foot, Leader of the House,

had another meeting with Mr Steel yesterday to discuss the formal arrangements of the consultative committee involving the two parties, the first meet-

Mr Jeremy Thorpe Mr Richard Warrwright

ing of which will be held tomorrow. It will be headed by Mr Foot, for the government side,

and Mr Aian Beith.

Mr Steel intends to continue
to supervise devolution until
the nature of the legislation is agreed. When progress on the Bill is resumed, Mr Russell Johnston will take over respon-sibility. Lord Mackie of Benshie has been appointed to share the Scottish devolution workload in view of Mr Johnston's European Parliament commitments.

Mr Beith stated last night that

the agreement between the Liberal Party and the Govern-ment might lead to a new political alignment. Speaking at Loughborough he said that in concluding it Mr Callaghan had stood up to those on the Labour left who disliked the deal because they knew it would block

their nationalization plans.

The new Liberal "shadow administration" (a term that brings a smile to the party's political opponents, who see it more as self-delusion rather than self-importance) was than self-importance) was announced by Mr Steel after talks during the weekend. The appointments (in alphabetical

Lord Avebury Lord Banks Mr Alan Beith Social services Chief whip and education Leader in the Lords N Ireland, Broadcasting and arts Mr Clement Freud Mr Emlyn Hoosen, QC Mr Geraint Howells Mr Russell Johnston Lord Mackie of Benshie Mr John Paydoe Mr David Penhaligon Mr Stephen Ross

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Foreign and Commonwealth Trade and Industry Chief Whip in Lords Health

# **Commons boycott** threatened by Ulster 'loyalists'

A number of hard-line Ulster "loyalist" Mil's are threatening to boycott some of the House of Commons proceedings as a protest against Provisional IRA activities and the way the Government is tackling them. The Rev lan l'aisley said: "I will have to withdraw from Parliament and appear only when my vote will count against the Government." The murder of a women of 63 in on America westerday brought a woman of 63 in co Amerim yesterday brought Protestant enger to a head. Gunmen raked her house with machine gun fire Page 2

#### Soviet-African talks

Leaders of the three main nationalist movements in southern Africa held talks in Lusaka with President Podgorny. Observers saw the meeting as a reaffirmation of Soviet support for the three groups, all of which are supplied with arms from the Soviet Union Page 7

#### Hospital peace move

Mr Emals, Secretary of State for Social Services, intervened in the strike effecting five Surrey hospirals. He said the area health authority was calling all parties together for talks and that it had deferred an application for a High Court injunction to stop "unlawful" a High Court injunction to stop "unlawful" picketing. The strikers union has made the dispute official Page 2

#### £1,000-a-year students

The basic grant for students is to be raised from £875 to more than £1,000 a year, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, told the Commons. Paremai contributions towards grants are to be reduced and there will be 300 more postgraduate syndemships

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### Inner-city plan derided

The Government's programme of aid to inner cities, which is expected to be announced next month and is likely to be £100m a year at most, appears to be attracting criticism and derision. It is seen as a gimmick to attract votes in the council elections during May

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## **Europe post** eludes Mr Marquand

Mr David Marquend, Labour MP for Ashfield and a fervent campaigner for British member-ship of the EEC, will not, after ship of the EEC, will not, after all, be taking up a post in the European Commission, at least until the next general election. The expected by-election at Ashfield, originally scheduled by party officials for the same day as that at Grimsby, probably April 21, will therefore not take place.

It had become known that Mr Marquand, who was appointed by Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission, to be his political advisor and to provide liaison between him and the European Parliament, was encountering difficulties

was encountering difficulties. The commission was not sure whether the terms of reference of the job should be in the form Mr Marquand accepted, or which nationality the job should go to if the need for a political adviser was accepted.

Whatever decision is reached, Mr Marquand is understood to have informed party officiels that he intends to continue as MP for Ashfield until the next

Mr for Ashfield until the next general election.

However, he has also apparently informed them that he will stand down then and make way for Mr Michael Cowan, who was selected by the local constituency Labour Party to fight the expected by election.

# Mr Brezhnev warns US on human rights

From Our Correspondent Moscow, March 28

Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State, told correspondents here this evening that he thought the human rights issue had been iaid to rest, at least for the duration of the present negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union on arms limitation and other crucial questions.

crucial questions.

His remarks were made at the end of the first day of negotiations. In the morning Mr Brezimev, the Soviet party leader, had begun the proceedings with sharp criticism of the United States censure of Soviet treatment of dissidents. He said that it did not square with the principles of non-interference in each others affairs, enuncisted by the Helsinki agreement. ated by the Helsinki agreement. Mr Brezhnev added that United States Soviet relations could only develop in a positive direction if these principles were observed. On the contrary, any effort to ignore these principles, let alone violate them, would affect adversely the bilateral relationship. He concluded: "It would be a serious bilateral to believe otherwise." ciuded: "It would be a serious mistake to believe otherwise."

Surprisingly enough, Mr Today's neg sisted of two received at the hit topic to the Middle East, with a new suggestion that the stumbling-block issue of Palestimian participation in peace talks could be decided by any ington, present.

conference after it had con-vened.

Mr. Grownico the Enraign

Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Mir Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, was conciliatory by comparison, pointing out in his toast at today's luncheon that the main purpose of the present discussions was to give new emphasis and impetus to the future development of relations. Recent years had seen a turn for the better in these relations, which had been made possible, he said, by mutual recognition that in the nuclear age there was no alternative to peaceful

coexistence. He went on to say that the main direction of relations between the two nations was to remove the threat of war and end the arms race, and he believed this coincided with the views of the present United States administration.

He added: "Let us, there-fore, act accordingly. Should we do so this would open up an avenue for further positive steps. It is of central importance that we do not reject what has already been achieved, but build upon it. Here we mean specifically the Vladivostok understanding which was reached at the highest level."

Today's penniariums con-

Today's negotiations consisted of two meetings. The morning one lasted two and a half hours with Mr Brezhnev, Mr Gromyko, and Mr Dobrynin, the Soviet Ambassador to Wash-

# French Cabinet resigns and M Barre is asked to form new Government

From Charles Hargrove Paris, March 28

Paris, March 28
Mr Raymond Barre, the
Prime Minister, formally submitted the resignation of his
Government to President
Giscard d'Estaing this evening, The President accepted it and in a 10-minute broadcast announced that he had asked M Barre to form a new Govern-ment. This would be chosen "for action in the coming 12 months". It will be a smaller, tighter team of 15 ministers at most, instead of over 30 as at present; a government of men and women appointed for their capacity and irrespective of party affiliations.

"The separation between the Government and the parties must be clear cut", the President stated. The resignation of the Goveroment and the reappointment of M Barre preceded the

meeting tomorrow

mayor of Paris.

The announcement of the Cabinet list is expected tomorrow before the meeting. A change of Government was expected in the wake of the serious setback suffered by the

Majority parties in the recent municipal elections. The reshuffle is expected to be far-reaching, as the President implied, in order to impress

year's parliamentary elections.

In his broadcast, the President emphasized that the Government and this would be ratified by a vote.

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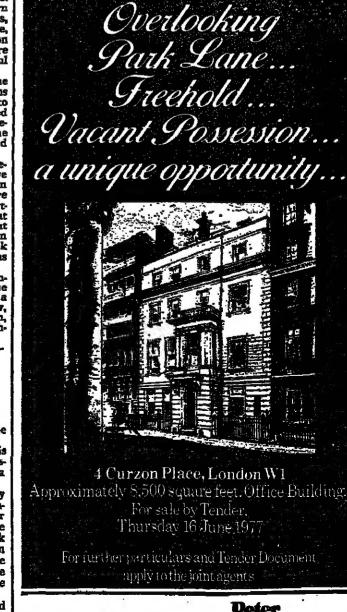
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Had the Mejority been united and given due emphasis, the work accomplished in two years work accomplished in two years "in the most positive spirit and a half by M Chirac and M and with the best intentions"

between President Giscard and M Jacques Chirac, the Ganilist leader, and the newly elected This tribute to M Chirac is significant and indicates M Giscard d'Estaing's desire for a reconciliation. The Government Majority

will define clearly its organiza-tion and rules of conduct for the parliamentary elections, he said. "It wiff draw up a frank and loyal majority pact. Then smid. this majority pact and on the other the common programme

afterwards the Prime Minister,



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# Inner-city aid scheme criticized as gimmick to influence polling

Planning Reporter

A storm of criticism and derision appears to be gather-ing, ready to descend upon the Government's programme of special aid to the inner cities, which is expected to be announced in a White Paper before the end of next month.

Ministers and officials are on the defensive about the size of the allocation, which is likely to be no more than £100m a year at the most and concentrated on five metropolitan regions: London, Birmingham, Man-chester, Liverpool and New-castle. Critics regard it as a gimmick to ensure retention of the Labour-dominated metro-politan counties in the local government elections at the beginning of May.

The announcement by Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, will probably coincide with a statement on the future of the new towns. The general expectation is that, The general expectation is that, of those in their relatively early stages, Telford and Milton Keynes will survive more or less unscathed, Northampton Peterborough will undergo agreed cuts in expansion plans, Warrington's growth will be severely restricted, and Central Lancashire will be put into

cold storage".
Since Mr Shore's widely reported speech in Manchester last autumn, in which he affirmed the Government's commitment to arrest urban decay, he and his colleagues have evidently been searching for other projects from which to divert funds. Among the most obvious were the new towns, which have been widely, and with very little factual evidence, cited as a principal cause of inner-city decline.

But the fact is that the

£1,350m at present outstanding in capital advances to development corporations is almost entirely committed to long-term programmes which cannot easily be halted or even slowed. It is, moreover, in the form of specific loans at high interest rates, whereas it is far from clear whether the £100m a year provisionally allotted to inner cities will consist of grants, loans or subsidies.

Mr David Hall, director of magistrates yesterday after the Town and Country Plan-pleading guilty to driving with ning Association, said yester- an excess of blood alcohol.

day that the overall effect of concentrating aid on five or six urban areas would be very small. The sort of programme that Merseyside had in mind would cost £4,000m over 10 years, of which half would have to come from public funds. That was "just not on".

The association's own programme, published yesterday, argues that the so-called innerarea situation cannot be dealt with in isolation either from national social policy or from town, city and regional planning religies.

It is a disturbing feature of the current apparent momen-tum of the inner cities debate that attention, manifested in the form of special policies, programmes and resources, may be directed exclusively to the inner areas of the large conur-bations alone", it states. The association maintains

that the plight of those inner areas is a direct consequence of the general move towards decentralization. They can be revived only by making them as environmentally attractive as, say, suburbs and new towns. and by recognizing what the association contends is the desire of the overwhelming majority of people for a house

It calls for an end to sub-sidies for expensive high-density housing schemes, which are more costly as well as less socially and environmentally desirable than estates of low to medium density.

The difficulties caused by inflated land values in central areas could be overcome, it suggests, by amending present valuation conventions, allowing local authorities to write off their land debts and concentrating funds under the Community Land Act on inner-city areas, which would include allowing the authorities concerned to retain the entire proceeds rather than sharing them with the Treasury and with a regional pool.

#### Ban on court clerk

Leonard Mottram, aged 59, chief clerk of Chelmsford Crown Court, Essex, was fined £150 and banned from driving for a year by Chelmsford of the Fleer Street printing unions of the recommendations for the changes in the industry outlined in the joint union-management document. Programme for Action.



By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, intervened yesterday in the strike affecting five Surrey hospitals. He said the area health authority was calling the parties together today for talks on a settlement, possible by referring the dispossibly by referring the dis-pute to the Advisory, Concilia-tion and Arbitration Service (Acas).

At his request the area health authority had agreed to defer its application for a High Court injunction to stop "unlawful" picketing at the hospitals. He had asked the Transport and General Workers' Union, which yesterday declared the dispute official, to help in easing the situation by ensuring that picketing was peaceful and that there would be no action that would put patients' health at rick

Mr Ennals said he was seriously concerned about the dis-pute. There was some risk to the well-being of patients, in-cluding elderly and mentally handicapped people, he said. The strike began after 32 Spanish members of the domes-tic staff at the Manor Hospital, Epsom objected to new rotas, which they said put some hus-band-and-wife teams on the same shift, making it difficult

to look after their children. They were dismissed last week after being suspended with pay for nearly three weeks.

Pickets vesterday built fires and makeshift tents outside the 850-bed Manor Hospital for the mentally handicapped; the

**Technology** 

go ahead at

'The Times'

The management of Times Newspapers Ltd has decided to go ahead with its plans for the

introduction of new technology, in spite of the rejection by most

Union leaders have been informed that discussions will take place at local level on the

implementation of a document, Opportunity for Success in which the management outlined

the changes necessary for the survival of the company.

In a letter to the union leaders Mr M. J. Hussey, chief

executive and managing director of the company, says: "The economic circumstances which created the need for new tech-nology and staff reductions have

not altered; indeed, they have

become more acute."

The Times Higher Education
Supplement will be converted
to new technology first, followed by The Times Literary
Supplement and then The Times
Educational Supplement.

When the changeover of the supplements has been completed, consideration will be given to the conversion of The Times and The Sunday Times.

Mr Hussey added: "It is our confident belief that the successful and itself that the successful and itself

Ombudsman not

By Our Political Correspondent

Replying to critical comments made by the Commons Select

filled by a former civil servant, the Government has undertaken to follow a new policy.

The next appointee "should be someone with substantially different experience, perhaps from local government or the nationalized industries", it says.

Lord Peart, Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, gave that undertaking to Parliament vesterday

Parliament yesterday

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Civil Service

become more acute."

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By Tim Jones

Labour Reporter



Mr Agrelo (left), the man at the heart of the dispute, with other pickets in a makeshift

1,330-bed West Park Hospital for the reinstatement of the for mental illness, Epsom; the dismissed employees with no loss of service; and for new atric and pre-convalescent patients, Cobham; the 130-bed Cuddington Hospital for geriatric at Ranstand and Rasson Loss Agraba agreed, but in revising the rota caused baby-sirting difficulties for three or four other couples, local shop stewards said.

The dispute began to develop said.

We Peter Stanley, assistant district hospital administrator. stric and pre-convalescent patients, Cobham; the 130-bed Cuddington Hospital for geriatrics at Banstead; and Epsom District Hospital.

The TGWU said yesterday that it had presented a formula

to the authorities for a joint approach to Acas to appoint a mediator. The formula called

José Agrelo, a domestic worker at Manor Hospital, wanted to work different rotas from his wife so that they could look after their children; aged one and three. After a three-day stoppage in January the authori-

district hospital administrator, said yesterday that over the months the hospital had suggested five different rotas to distribute workloads more fairly. "Finally we decided we must put the thing in."

### Gala halted US tempting some top by holiday

A high school's swimming gala was cancelled last night when 200 building pickets refused to allow pupils to hold their annual championships at the indoor swimming pool at the Pontin holiday camp at Prestatyn, Clwyd.

The pickets, members of the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technicians (Ucatt)

Their month-long sit in was ended by a High Court injunction. But on Sunday night they took over the Prestatyn camp. They say they will leave they Popular agrees the popular agrees to be presented to be a supplemental to be a s when Pontin agrees to sit round a table and discuss the dispute.

#### Judge's health warning to rapist of 68

A man aged 68 who admitted an offence of rape was told by Mr Justice Thesiger at Leeds Crown Court yesterday: "With your state of health—you have got high blood pressure—you aught not to indulge in conduct of this kind, because you might overtax your own power and overtax your own power and die in very unfortunate circumstances."

George Dickinson, retired, a widower, formerly of Rocheford Court, Leeds, pleaded guilty to raping a widow of 70 on December 14.

Describing it as a very special case, the judge imposed a sentence of two years' imprisonment, suspended for two years.

# camp sit-in From Our Correspondent

Although Dr. Crick was not available for comment in California last night, Dr Perutz said his colleague's reasons for leaving were entirely financial. "He was very happy here, and but for the worry that he might have been short of money when he retired, I am sure he would have stayed", he said.

Dr. Crick's emigration was precipitated by the closing of a tax loophole whereby British academics could, until 1974, teach for two months a year in the United States without being were employed in the construction of a new Pontin camp at Tower Beach, near by. In January they were dismissed for alleged low productivity.

# Stechford voters 'wait for Budget benefits'

From Arthur Osman Birmingham About a third of people Another question about the most important issues which would decide how people voted questioned by Marplan in a poll at Stechford, Barmingham, for the Birmingham Evening Mail said their votes were unscomitted for Thursday's by election. That figure compared with about a quarter in other recent, maintenance of law and pointed to their awaiting the Mail said their votes were un-comitted for Thursday's by-election. That figure compared with about a quarter in other recent by-elections. Everything pointed to their awaiting the quicome of the Budger many and any benefits it might give them.

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The results of the poll published yesterday suggested that of the remaining sample of 554 voters questioned, 44 per cent would vote Conservative, 43 per cent Labour, 10 per cent Liberal and 3 per cent National Front. Half the sample will be interviewed again tomorrow after the Budget.

A breakdown of voting intentions indicated that in the Conservative figure 49 per cent

Conservative figure 49 per cent were women and 40 per cent
were women and 40 per cent
men, in the Labour figure it
was 39 per cent women and 47
per cent men, and in the
Liberal figure 9 per cent
women and 10 per cent men.
Marplan said the Conservative lead in themse of committee

error was not significant; the actual degree of error for either party being plus or minus 4 per cent leaving a position at present of a dead heat. tive lead in terms of sampling

But about 80 per cent who But about 80 per cent who voted for the Conservatives in October, 1974, said they would do so again, compared with 54 per cent for Labour and 44 per cent for Liberal.

Marplan also indicated that 17 per cent of Liberal voters in 1974 intended to support

the Conservatives, 6 per cent Labour and 6 per cent National Front. The same poll asked what people would most like to see in the Budget. The top five places went to lower income

Control of public spending and education standards each received 23 per cent, control of nationalization 20 per cent, better housing 18 per cent, sinuation in Ulster 13 per cent, import controls 12 per cent and standards of public life 11 per cent.

per cent. Asked which politicians they thought would make the best Prime Minister, Mr Callaghan and Mr Heath received 19 per cent each, Mr Enoch Powell 18 per cent and Mrs Thatcher 12

Mr Terence Davis, the Labour candidate, said he believed that the poll was an accurate record of what people were tranking and showed that Labour and Conservatives were Labour and Conservatives were neck and neck with no one eise in the race. Most people did not want a general election Mr Andrew MacKay, Conservative, said thata though he was grateful for the poll's prediction the puly poll that mantered was on Thursday.

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The Liberals yesterday finished sending out a personal message from Mr David Steel, the party leader, to the electors, explaining the Labour-Liberal arrangement. He said that on recent visits to the constituency the Liberals had got three messages loud and clear.

Only a time majority wasned.

Only a tiny majority wanted socialism and most felt they wanted rational policies in the national interest; nearly every one thought the next six months would be crucial in curb inflation, particularly with negotiations coming up pensions (46 per cent), a cut in lation, particularly pensions (46 per cent), a cut in VAT (22 per cent), reduction in tax on petrol (21 per cent) and reduced unemployment benefits (16 per cent).

# Labour report advocates regional government

By a Staff Reporter

The Northern Regional Council of the Labour Party is to present an interim report on the desirability of elected regional governing bodies in England to its annual con-ference in May. The report, an outcome of studies by a work-ing party set up last year, sets our aims and suggests terms of reference for a further study. Both the northern region of

the Labour Party, with its headquarters on Tyneside, and most Liberal regional organiza-tions in the North and Northwest are now displaying in-terest in a further reform of the local government structure set up by the Conservatives in 1972. That reorganization produced the frequently criticized metropolitan county councils, five out of six of which lie north of the Birmingham-Wash line and whose members are all subject in May to reelec-tion for the first time since

The Labour report says the northern region" should consist of the counties of Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Cleveland. It says of the recent confusion felt in the new county of Cumbria which was made up of the old Cumberland, Westmorland and parts of Lancashire: "The people in Cumbria, whilst acknowledging their isolation, nevertheless feel closer to the North-east than to Merseyside and Lancashire."

It argues that a northern be given to elected English regional authorities. The report says the legislation required to establish a directly elected regional authorities.

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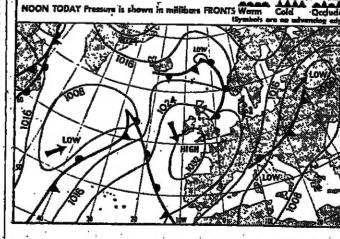
become a focal point for economic development, taking over the roles of such bodies as the North of England De-velopment Council, the Planning Council, the Northern Industrial Development Board and some of the functions of regional offices of ministries and publicly owned services, such as the National Bus

The report says the auth-ority should have an important role in planning, land-use and transport policies in the region and that it would strengthen democratic representation at an important level. "We see this elected body taking over at regional level health, water, tourism, port authorities, sports councils and arts." Local authorities in the sug-

gested region, particularly Tyne and Wear Metropolitan County Council, played a lead-ing part in the "English back-lash" against the Government's devolution proposals. One of their arguments was that, if Scottish and Weish devolution were to proceed, similar powers would gave to be given to elected English

It argues that a northern effectively in the meantime

# Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sm rises: 6.43 am.

and, star salaries and insurance, and other financial duties.

Mr Trevor Cox, for the
defence, said Mr Neal had
complained to clergymen that
his task was being made more
difficult by some of their
decisions, and he resented what

# Circus in VAT fraud case

Chipperfield Enterprises, which owns the circus, a director, the company secretary and two employees appeared before Chipping Norton magistrates, siting at Banbury, Oxfordshire, yesterday, on VAT fraud

· Before the court were Mrs Myrtle Chipperfield, director,

Sun sets: 7.29 pm. Moon sets: Moon rises: 3.32 am. 1.2 pm. 3.32 am. 1.2 pm.
FnII moon: April 4.
Lighting up: 7.59 pm to 6.11 am.
17.7ft). Avonmouth 1.28 am.
19.6m (31.5ft); 2.16 pm, 9.5m
(31.1ft). Dover 6.37 am. 5.0m
(16.3ft); 7.26 pm, 5.0m (16.3ft); 1.34
pm; 5.4m (17.8ft). Liverpool, 6.32
am. 7.0m (23.1ft); 7.21 pm, 7.0m
(23.0ft).
Pressures will be high to the
SW of the British Isles.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

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Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, Central, E, NE England,
Midlands: Sunny spells, mostly
dry; wind N to NW, light or
moderate; max temp 7° or 8°C
(45° to 46°F).

SE England, East Anglia: Sunny
intervals, scattered winty showers intervals, scattered wintry showers, gradually dying out; wind N to

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mostly dry, sunny spells; wind N to NW light; max temp 8° or 9°C (46° to 48°F).

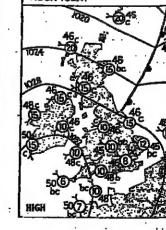
N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Northern Ireland: Mostly dry, sunny intervals, perhaps becoming cloudy later; wind W light or moderate; max temp 6° or 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyle: Mostly dry, variable cloud, bright intervals; wind W moderate; max temp 6° or 7°C (43° to 45°F).

Moray Firth, NE NW, Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals, occasional showers, snow chiefly over hills; wind W moderate or fresh; max temp 4° or 5°C (30° to 41°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Dry in S and E at first, otherwise changeable, rain at times but bright intervals, becoming warmer.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair;



Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind N fresh or strong, moderating; sea rough at first, moderating. English Channel (E): Wind N moderate; sea slight. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind NW backing W. moderate; sea slight.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 7 am to 7 pm, 5°C (41°F); min, 7 pm to 7 am, 0°C (32°F). Humidity, 7 pm, 58 per cent. Rain, 24nr to 7 pm, 01in. Sun, 24hr to 7 pm, 8:3hr. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm, 1026.3 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.



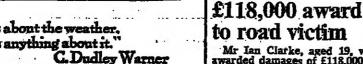


Alfasud from alfa Romes



Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. We beg to differ.





Mr Ian Clarke, aged 19, was awarded damages of £118,000 in the High Court yesterday for injuries in a road accident that left him totally dependent on his parents, Mr and Mrs Jack Clarke, of Church Crookham, Hampshire.

The award was against Ansa-fone and Hortons-Frozen Foods, owners of the two vehicles concerned, and the two drivers. .

# **British scientists** precedented light on the study of genetics. They were awarded the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 1962. After 25 years at Cambridge, Dr Crick, who is 60, kas accepted a post at the Salk Institute, La Joila, California. Although Dr Crick was not

Some of Britain's foremost scientists are under pressure to follow the example of Dr Francis Crick, FRS, the pioneering Nobel Prize winner, by emigrating to improve their

emigrating to improve their financial position.

Dr Max Perutz, FRS, Director of the Medical Research Council's Laboratory of Molecular Biology, at Cambridge, said last night that several scientists at the laboratory had been offered higher salaries and better research opportunities in the United States. "They have been offered very tempting jobs, but so far I am pleased to say that they have turned them down because they prefer the workbecause they prefer the work-ing environment here."

Dr Perutz, a Nobel kureate for chemistry, added that an American university had offered to create a special post for him, but he had no intention of leaving Britain.

It was at the Cambridge laboratory that Dr Crick undertook the research, together with

remanded

lar earnings were not brought back to Britain. Added to that, top research scientists' salaries have been frozen at £8,000-£9,000 for five years, and British universities are rigid in took the research, together with Professor James Watson, that led to the discovery of the structure of DNA, throwing ununlike American universities which are more flexible.

on drug charges Magistrates at a special sitting at Swindon, Wiltshire, yesterday remanded in custody 15 people, including a doctor, until April 1, on charges involving the possession of drugs, including cannabis, cannabis

confident belief that the successful application of the proposals
put forward in Opportunity for
Success will ensure that both
The Times and The Sunday
Times are made permanently
viable—an objective massively
in the interests of all who work
for them." including cannabis, cannabis resin, amphetamine, or cocaine. Four more people were remanded on ball until July 7 on similar charges.

Prosecution evidence was given by Det Supt Dennis Greenslade, deputy coordinator of Number 7 regional crime squad, based in Bristol. In spite of the unions' rejec-tion of Programme for Action, the joint standing committee set up to monitor the introduction of new recimology in the industry is to stay in existence, subject to the approval of the unions' executives. More people are expected to appear at Swindon today in connexion with the alleged offences. Those remended in

Ollences, I nose remembed in Custody were:
Rachard Kump, aged 33, an unemployed builder and qualified chemist, of requestion, hyded; Dr Mark Tcharney, aged 26, or Esquir Wen, Lampeter, Dyfed; Hemry Todd, aged 32, or Fingeouse Avenile. Hammer-mith London; Nigel Fisching, aged 28, or Archiverton, of Standon, Agree, Condon, Archiverton, of Standon, Agree, Murry, aged 29, processing the condon. The committee, which met yesterday considered that there was still a role for it to give overall guidance and assistance concerning training and retraining. A statement issued after the meeting said: "It is recog-nized that individual office plans for the introduction of new technology and improved performance must necessarily Apress Dordogne, and Fortis Green.
London. Andrew Munro, aged 29. unemployed, of no fixed address: Miss Monka. Remyon, aged 29. unemployed, of no fixed address: Miss Monka. Remyon, aged 20. an office worker, of Georgians Street; John McDonnell, aged 27. of Chapet Lane, Hankarson, near Mainesbury; David Robertson, aged 31, of Chapet Lane, Hankarson, near Mainesbury; John Preece, aged 31, an engineer. of Cooks Lane, Kingshurst, Birmingham: William Lockhead, aged 30, of Chapet Lane, Hankarson, Alsendar, aged 30, of Chapet Lane, Hankarson, Allendow, Powys; John Preece, aged 31, an engineer. of Cooks Lane, Kingshurst, Birmingham: William Lockhead, aged 30, of Chapet Lane, Hankarson, Allendow, Brent, Stranger, Special Computer worker, of Gray's lan Tregaron: David Heasman, aged 31, a computer worker, of Gray's lan Remarked to bell: Ketth McCog, of Bissey Road, Strond; Janice Spenceley, of Lanndewi Streft; and Mrs. Josane Guthbertson, of St. Apres and Fortis Green. committee which supervises the work of the Parliamentary Commissioner Ombudsman and its suggestion that it was wrong that the post should always be filled by a former civil servator.

#### Doctor among 19 | Closure idea to end post office's lunchtime queues From Our Correspondent

the United States without being taxed, provided that their dol-

enforcing a retiring age of 65,

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A post office could avoid queues at lunchtime by closing for an hour. The suggestion came at a meeting of the Post Office advisory committee at Ripon, North Yorkshire, when Mr E. W. Drury, the assistant head postmaster, disclosed that

the possibility was being examined. The idea has led to strong opposition in Ripon, where many people are able to use the post office only during their much hour. Mr Drury thinks that by closing for lunch instead of having a strangered breek for of having a staggered break for staff the counters will be better manned during the rest of the

Mr John Richmond, a councillor and local hotelier, said the proposal was ridiculous. He intends to take the matter farther.

"The only solution", he said,
is to employ more staff to
man the counters. By closing at
lunchtime they are just avoiding the problem because queues
would then build up throughout

the day." at quening for up to 15 minutes for a stamp that he now travels by car to subpost offices on the outskirts whenever possible. He intends to ask the advisory com-mittee to think carefully before agreeing to the proposal on closing.

#### Thefts by Minster bursar From Our Correspondent

Stanley Neal, bursar of York
Minster, pilfered from collection boxes and once from the
plate after a service as a protest
against the system of administering the cathedral's vast finances,
York magistrates were told
yesterday.
Mr Neal, aged 49, was said
to have been under mounting

York magistrates were told yesterday.

Mr Neal, aged 49, was said to have been under mounting pressure as he tried to raise the minster's upkeep. He was also responsible for the investment portfolio involving more than a total of £120 and ordered to pay £43.20 costs.

Robert Thompson, the company secretary, and Mrs Valerie Wood and Mrs Maud Thompson, employees. The hearing continues today.

smuggléd diamonds inside.

After consultation with law

yers it was decided that Mr Rotenberg should pay £270,000 as evaded value-added tax and

a further £230,000 as a fixed

penalty under section 288 of the Customs and Excise Act. A

prosecution under section 304

of the Act was ruled out because of the unlikelihood of

being able to extradite Mr

Customs lawyers also in-sisted that Mr Rotenberg

should pay a further £40,000 on the diamonds found in his

safe on condition that he sent them back to the Comment.

firmed yesterday that both amounts had been paid in full

The customs and excise con-

HOME-NEWS

### Union men in 'safety army' for factories

By Our Labour Staff

Regulations that will allow about 150,000 safety representatives appointed by trade unions to have posts in British factories were laid before Parliament yesterday by Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment. They will come into force in October, 1978.

Mr Bill Simpson, chairman of the Health and Safety Commission, said the legislation was a milestone-it could cheaply and officiently cut the \$1,000m cost of industrial accidents in Britain each year.

The safety representatives will have time off with pay to carry out their duties, and to receive training. If any two ask in writing for a safety commitice to be set up, an employer will have to do so within three

Mr Simpson said that for more than a century a handful of inspectors had fought an uphill battle to improve the safety of people at work.

"Inspectors, however inspired and dedicated, are never going to be so numerous as to be in every workplace every day, but dus new army of men and women are placed right in the front line of occupational safety. They are the people daily at risk and it is they or their workmates who suffer death, maining or disease from



Brokers during the bidding at the London Tea Brokers' Association's weekly auction yesterday.

The auction is arranged each

# Halt to rise in auction tea prices

By Craig Seton

The rise in prices at the Lonon tea auctions, which has caused speculation that prices in the shops may double to 40p a quarter pound later this year, halted suddenly yesterday.

For no immediately apparent reason, up to a £1 less was being paid for a kilogram of tea at the start of the weekly auction. Prices were still down by about 500 a bilogram by the start of the start of the weekly auction. about 50p a kilogram by the

end of trading.

Ironically, the day when brokers were surprised by the sudden fall in prices also saw 53 a kilogram being fetched for a Ceylon Broken Orange Pekoe,

a quality tez, setting a new re- Association of London which cord at the auctions. Association of London which sells on behalf of Asian and African producers. About half The first important fall to be the tex consumed in Britain is dealt with there. recorded for many months in

London was a correction, tea Mr Peter Banyard, chairman brokers say, which will bring a of the association, said yester-day: "The market is steadying, but we shall have to wait until after Easter to see what the little steadiness to a market that has seen startling price movements. But it is still impossible at present, they say, to predict its effect on retail prices, which are not fixed on The sudden rise in prices had

been caused by increased world consumption of tea, helped the results of one day's trading. by soaring coffee prices, which had caused a serious rundown The total average price for tea at last week's auction, when in stocks, droughts in Ceylon and Kenya and a general recog-mation that prices had been too more than 53,000 100lb chests were sold in London, was £2.70 a kilogram, a new and unexpected peak, more than four times higher than last year's low for too long.

Mr Banyard added: "We are a period of comparative The average price reached yesterday will not be worked out until Wednesday but is expected to settle at about £2.30. shortage and we are likely to remain in short supply for two years. Prices cannot really fall that much, but I hope that we Brooke Bond Oxo, which claims 39 per-cent of the United Kingdom market in packet tea, has asked the Price Commission for a 61p rise for a 41b packet, now costing 201p. Last August a 11b packet cost only 101p. a 416 packet cost only 104p.

If allowed it will be the sixth increase in a year. The company said: "A further price increase later in the summer is inevitable".

The company's latest applica-tion is based on an auction figure of £1.65 a kilog'am and es not take account of recent rises at the London auction. If retail prices were to be fixed on the basis of last week's figure of £2.70 a kilogram, retail prices might work out at up to 42p a quarter-pound.

But brokers point out that it is trends over several months together with prices at other world auctions that will eventually fix retail prices.

# Prison staff call off protest over

quarters By Our Crime Correspondent Prison staff at Dartmoor, who yesterday refused to carry out elected supervision duties in protest at their living conditions, will resume normal work this morning, it was announced last night after consultations between Home Office representatives and tht

Yesterday, except nour's exercise period, prisoners were kept locked in cells while the staff protested that their our limits that their own living accommodation was worse than that for the men they guarded.

As a result of the dispute the five hundred prisoners were unable to attend education classes and working parties were cancelled.

The action by the staff is the culmination of a long wrangle with the Prison Department; which has estimated that it will cost about £100,000 to carry out the repairs and alterations demanded by the officers on

their quarters.
Last night, after talks
between the Prison Officers'
Association and Home Office Association and return their complaints on April 4. In return the staff agreed to end

restricted working.
Mr David Bowen, secretary
of the Dartmoor branch of the ssociation, had said earlier: The prisoners quarters are better than our own, and they get free central heating."

# £500,000 'fine' over smuggled diamonds opened his office safe and customs men found £40,000 more

Crime Correspondent The Loudon Diamond Bourse bership of one of the country's leading precious gems merchants after an order by the Customs and Excise Department that he should pay £500,000 after admitting handling smuggled diamonds.

The merchant, Mr Jacques Rotenberg, aged 62, a former consultant to the department, was made an OBE two years ago for his voluntary services the Customs Diamond Commirtee. He has been a member of the bourse for many years. After information from officers of Scotland Yard's serious crimes squad, customs investigators made a full inquiry into Mr Rotenberg's diamond transactions over a

two-year period. They discovered that couriers were bringing diamonds hidden in their clothing into Britain from the Contine tinent. They also found that Mr Rorenberg was selling the diamonds to reputable mer-chants in Harron Garden.

Since 1973, Customs investigators estimated, £850,000 of
diamonds had passed into Mr
Rotenberg's hands as a result of
the smuggling operation. When
confronted, Mr Rotenberg were paid.

£20,000 jewel theft Mr Jack Palber, a jeweller, was attacked by three men and robbed of jewelry worth more than £20,000 as he walked to his office in Hatton Garden, London, yesterday. The thieves escaped in a car, which was later found abandoned.

amounts had been paid in full by Mr Rotenberg.

The £500,000 penalty imposed on Mr Rotenberg is the largest single payment made under the Act. In the year March, 1975 to March, 1976, the latest for which figures are available, more than 11,000 people were dealt with under this section of the Act for smuggling (excluding drugs and portography) and penalties totalling nearly £600,000 were paid. Firemen end action Firemen in West Sussex de cided yesterday to resume normal working from today after answering only emerg-ency calls since March 18. They began their industrial action after economy cuts had been

Breakfast news and soap opera

# Early-morning experiment starts in ITV regions

By Ronald Kershaw
The North of England experienced its first breakfast-time homes keep their sets in the dining room or kitchen? television yesterday morning, by courtesy of Yorkshire and Tyne-Tees channels, and, according to both companies, congratulatory telephone calls congratulatory telephone calls for a few seconds, to replace a were the order of the day. Mr Peter Moth, the Tyne-Tees producer, said later that night-shift workers had been particularly and the picture of the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the picture of the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the picture of the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the picture of the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the picture of the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day of the day of the day. Mr shift workers had been particularly and the day of th Peter Moth, the Tyne-Tees pro-ducer, said later that night-shift workers had been particularly appreciative.
On the Yorkshire half of the

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presentation, Mr. Bob Warman, the station's chirpy presenter, did his best to be bright while dealing with death and destruction in the world's worst air crash, the report of a drug raid, and an assortment

The new programme, a nine-week experiment in early view-ing, comprises mainly national and regional news, weather, road reports and excerpts from newspapers from 8.30 am fol-

usual. A little closer coopera-tion with education depart-ing with relief at just having sent the children off to school. Later risers might find Departments want is to be Place's Alison Mackenzie and Rodney Herrington a little hard to take along with the bacon and eggs, but, in all fairness, it must be emphasized and eggs, but, in all dered by all the companies. No fairness, it must be emphasized big changes are likely before that the companies are having the present contracts and in second thoughts and trying to 1979.

In the middle of yesterday's Yorkshire road report Sir Harold Wilson's face appeared ture? \*

Another mystery, which no doubt will be sorted out is what has happened to school broadcasts, which usually start at 9.30 am on the Yorkshire channel. YTV says that as children are on holiday the question does not arise. (If they are, there are a few hundred thousand in Yorkshire who do not know about it.) who do not know about it.)

That company says that after the holidays the early-morning programmes will stop at 9.30 am and school pro-grammes will continue as usual. A little closer coopera-

Good Morning, North) will be assessed and the results consi-

## Lord Bernstein urges TV audiences to switch off

By Kenneth Gosling the Granada Group and one of the elder statesmen of commercial television, yesterday called on the public to be more selective in their viewing.

"Why don't they decide in advance which programmes interest them and switch on for them only?" he asked." he asked. Indiscriminate viewing debases people's television appetite and is not good for the medium. I urge them to switch off if the programme is not good enough."

Lord Bernstein, who was referring to the Angan committee's report on the future of broadcasting, at the group's annual meeting, said it was news to everyone at Granada that they had been living in a straitjacket or that they had been part of a "restrictive duopoly". They had been themselves, he said. "When the

smoke has cleared away we greater opportunities and more time on the sir for its pro-

Among other comments on Annan yesterday, the Methodis Church found its proposals for a fourth channel disappointing. But its suggestions for local radio were welcomed, although the Methodists did not think it necessary to set up another bureaucratic authority.

The lastitute of Practitioners
Advertising described the plans for new administrative bodies as "a bonanza for bureaucrats". It was highly questionable, the institute said, whether they would provide the twin requirements of accountability and accessibility. ability and accessibility. Humanists said the com-mittee had refused to take seriously the criticism of religion's privileged position on radio and television.

#### Form of national | Man says he took service for iobless urged

From Our Correspondent

Glasgow Mr Edward Taylor, Conservative MP for Glasgow, Cathcart, who is party frontbench spokesman on Scottish affairs, said in Glassow yesterday that he favoured a form of voluntary national service for people be-rween the ages of 16 and 23

who had been unemployed for at least six months.

"It would be infinitely better for them than doing nothing", he told directors of Glasgow Chamber of Commerce.

"I think it would be very good for them I am distressed and for them. I am distressed and worried about the unemployment situation in general and the effect it must have on young people. If we are going to continue to have massive unemployment, then something must done to counteract it, and I think some form of national service would be a major step

forward. He did not consider that the answer to Scotland's unemploy-ment difficulties was to be found through agencies, com-missions and boards, all spend-ing public money. "We could do with lare of the and use with less of them and use government cash to encourage industry in the free enterprise

# part in £2m theft at airport

Justin Harvey, aged 27, who once pretended he was Lord Londonderry, told the Central Criminal Court yesterday that he took part in the theft of more than £2m from Heathrow airport, London, last June.

Mr Harvey, now in jail for fraud, said it was he, not Stephen Franciosy, who posed as a security guard and stole the money from the strong rooms. Mr Franciosy has pleaded not guilty to stealing

Mr Harvey said he went on the robbery with Stephen Ray-mond, who is in custody in Switzerland. He said he met Mr Franciosy on the morning of the theft and agreed to go on the job in Mr Franciosy's place. After he and Mr Raymond had gone to the strong rooms wearing the uniform of the security firm for whom Mr Raymond worked, and stole the money, in foreign currency off in Kensington High Street.

The prosecution say that Mr Franciosy, a salesman, was the man who carried out the theft with Mr Raymond. Three other people deny handling some of

The trial continues today.

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# Stern group not a fiddle

House of Commons There was no fiddle in the rundown of the Tern Group, Mrs Judith Hart. Minister of Overseas Development, said in reply to Mr

Dennis Skinner. Mr Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) asked when Mrs Hart expected the Fay Committee, dealing with the Crown Agents, to make their

Mrs Hart (Lanark, Lab)-The committee is concerned to com-plete its investigations as soon as possible and hopes to report by the autumn if not earlier.

Mr Skinner—The Crown Agents, who were creditors of the ill-fated Stern empire and had investments there, should be getting the greatest possible return on their investments from the Stern empire, which is currently being sold off. Will the minister instruct the receivers. Cork Gully, to ensure that there is no more the practice of private deals in the sale of Stern property, as with the South Lodge block at St John's Wood.

Will Mrs Hart also ensure that residents in the blocks have proper representation when the blocks ome up for sale?

Mrs Hart—I shall look carefully at the last point but I do not have detail of it, I confess. The Crown Agents have loans of £40m outstanding from the Stern Group. With other creditors, the Crown Agents have agreed that the company should be run down under an arranged scheme. Air Skinner-It is a fiddle.

Mrs Hart—As Mr Skinner will have expected, when I returned to the ministry I made it my busi-ness to look close at this. There is not a fiddle. I can assure him.

Should it be necessary, the agreement does not preclude the Crown Agents from taking bank-ruptcy proceedings if they wish and if that would serve their—and

Mr Peter Viggers (Gosport, C)-The Crown Agents are a unique organization and the envy of the world. (Labour laughter.) A Labour MP-Maybe of your

Mr Viggers—Will Mrs Hart ensure that their value is recognized and that the baby is not thrown out with the bath water stirred up by

Mrs Rart-Mr Skinner has good grounds for the questions be has put, but I repeat that the Crown Agents have a great record of service in developing countries and perform useful services here and

In the past there have been all the matters which are now the subject of the Fay inquiry. I am certain that to the extent the Fay committee has not reported already and may take until the autumn, is because the investiga-tion is thorough and that the whole truth will come out when the report is published.

# Concorde

Mr Leslie Buckfield, Under Secretary for Industry, said in a written reply: The British and French authorities have already agreed to the manufacturers undertaking certain limited modifications to Concords and to continuits emitted Concorde and to continuing engine

Parliamentary notices Today at 2.50: The Sudget, St Paul's Playing Field (Trust) Bill, second reading.

House of Lords
Today at 2,30: international Finance,
Trade and Aid Bill, Job Release Bill,
Passenger Vehicles (Experimental
Areas) Bill, and Nuclear industry
(Finance: Bill, third freading, Representation other People Bill, and Returning Officers (Scottand) Bill, consultate
and remaining stages. New Towns
(Scott ad) Bill, consideration of
Commons amendments, Patents Bill,
committee stage. Motions on EEC
(Definition of Treatles) Orders.

# Rundown of Mr Callaghan hopes some nations will reflate to bring world out of recession

The dominant theme of the meeting in Rome of the heads of state or government of the European Community in Rome on Friday and Saturday was the need to find or government or the European Community in Rome on Friday and Saturday was the need to find more effective ways to tackle the serious economic problems which confront the world, the Prime Minister said when reporting on

Mr James Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab) said Rome was chosen for the meeting to mark the twentieth anniversary of the signature of the EEC treaty.

The European Council, he said, also discussed the preparations for the Downing Street summit in May, and the need to ensure that the Community itself responded positively to the challenge of unemployment and inflation.

As is the custom for the President of the Council (he went on), I met first with leaders of the European Trade Union Confederation. They expressed to me their con-cern about the problems of inflation and unemployment, which I reported to the Council. The Council agreed to hold a further tripardre conference in the first half of and published a statement on growth, inflation and memploy-ment. The Council will review progress over this whole area at its meeting in London in June.

The Council reviewed international financing problems and welcomed the efforts of finance ministers to develop a Community position for the IMF interim committee at the end of April, We asked the Commission and the European Investment Bank to recrisi particular attention. locus perficular attention on measures in three ereas: first to deal with specific employment problems, especially among youth and women; second, to encourage higher levels of investments. and women; second, to encourage higher levels of investment; and third, to pull the economic perfor-mance of member states closer together. The Commission made it clear in Rome that they would be ready to respond with positive ideas.

An area in which all the Community countries face particularly acute difficulties is the steel industry. We need short-term measures to stabilize the market;

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) asked the Secretary of State

for Trade, what action he proposes

to take in view of the breach of the requirements of the Companies

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Under

Secretary, said in a written reply: The Syston Estates Co Ltd is up to date in filing annual returns and accounts. The present position

with respect to the other com-panies mentioned is as follows:—

(a) Sproat Communication Lit—

No 110924. Incorporated March 9,
1972. Annual returns and accounts

for 1974, 1975 and 1976 outstand

accounts for 1975 and 1976 out-

(c ) Spreat Trading Ltd No 1166844. Incorporated April 16, 1974. Annual returns and accounts

1977. Annual returns and accounts

Annual returns and accounts for 1975 and 1976 outstanding.

(f) Cyadmare Sproat Ltd.—No 1191481. Incorporated November 25, 1974. Annual return for 1976

(g) The Syston Publishing Co Ltd—No 1132820. Incorporated September 6, 1973. Annual return for 1976 outstanding.

Default letters have been sent to

these companies to remind them of their obligations under the 1948 Companies Act. I have also written to Mr Iau Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C) concerning those com-panies listed (a) to (f).

for 1975 and 1976 outstanding

for 1975 and 1976 outstanding.

Companies

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Community. The Commission made a number of proposals, which the European Council agreed should be given urgent attention, with a view to getting agreement on common action.

Turning to international affairs, we agreed on the need for a successful conclusion to the North-South dialogue and moved forward an important step beyond the

cessful conclusion in the Notarian South dialogue and moved forward an important step beyond the opening position on this subject previously agreed by foreign ministers on March 8.

We agreed that there should be commodity price stabilization agreements where appropriate and a common fund. There will also be a study of export earnings stabilization measures for developing countries and special action for the CIEC on aid.

We reviewed developments in our trade relations with Japan, and saw a need for further efforts to achieve the growth of trade on a balanced basis, which is the Community's aim. Trade with Japan raises questions of competition and of market access which are important factors in the are important factors in the Community's international trade relations as a whole.

We discussed our international Community affairs, including the question of Community representation at the Downing Street summit we agreed that the President

ration at the Downing Street sum-mit. We agreed that the President of the Council (Mr Callaghan) and the President of the Commission (Mr Roy Jenkins) should represent the Community at sessions which discuss questions which fall within the competence of the Community. Finally, one point which has attracted considerable interest in this House: the Commission con-firmed that they would make a full firmed that they would make a tuni study and report on the idea of a European Foundation. There was general agreement with the sugges-tion of the Belgian and Italian Prime Ministers that it would be appropriate to link this proposal with the twendeth antiversary of the Treaty which we had celebrat-ed in Rome.

firs Margaret Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition (Barnet, Finchley, C)—We welcome the result that the President of the Commission should represent the EEC at the shortly to take place at 10 Downing state do not go into that kind of

Street. Had this result not been achieved, it would undoubtedly have given rise to great concern among some of our EEC partners.

It is rather difficult to deduce from the statement precisely what its practical effect is. For example, with regard to the section on economic measures to pull the economic performance of memoer states together, and measures to deal with specific employment problems, has the Prime Minister-any practical measures in mind, or are these merely objectives, and further conferences are to be

in their conferences are to be called upon them?

It looks as if it is a statement of objectives, but no practical measures. Similarly with the commodity price stabilization agreements. Obviously, it is easier to talk about them than practical schemes to put them into effect. Precisely what key commodities are they intending to start on?

Were there any discussions on the stand proposed by Mr Vance in Moscow about revision of the Salt Agreement? What he is proposing will clearly have an effect on our necurity. I am aware it is outside the terms of the EEC, but then the European Council itself is not within the terms of that treaty.

Mr Callaghan—On the question of

Mr Callaghan—On the question of the attendance of the President of the Commission, there was a feel-ing among the smaller members of the EEC that they would wish him to be there when there were issues which directly concerned the Commission, and that was general-ly acceptable to all. Obviously, there will be matters and items discussed at the summit at which the Commission will not

present because there is no These meetings, which last for 24 hours or thereabouts, are not designed to achieve detailed negotiatious. They are designed more to give a political impetus and have done so in one or two areas on this last occasion. on this last occasion.

For example, the idea of a common fund was something that had not been agreed, but we were able to give it a political thrust on this occasion and the foreign ministers will now carry on with the matter, That applies to price stabiliza-tion in relation to key commod-

Cabinet, and what decision

they took?

There is a strong feeling that it ought even now to be reconsidered. This whole matter should be taken back so that there should not

Mr Tom King, Opposition spokes-man on energy (Bridgwater, C)— What is the point of laving meet-ings with the chairman of the Behish Gas Corporation if the Secretary of State takes a decision

such as putting my the price of gas, without even consulting the corporation in the first place and volunteers it independently in the Cabinet as a potential saving?

What is the point of a price code if it can be umlaterally avoided by one nationalized industry?

one nationalized industry?

Mr. Benn—It was not an energy, policy decision. There has been a demand for a tax on gas from other industries for a long time. On budgetary matters and the IMF package, pre-consultation was not possible.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)-

As this is really a Treasury deci-sion, can be ask the Chancellor of the Exchequer to look at this again

Mr Benn—I never thought I would have to say that I could not aptici-pate the Budget statement.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C)—As a Cabinet minister, can he explain why, if the public sector borrowing requirement is the chief.

why, it the phone sector borrowing requirement is the object of the exercise, this way not also applied to other public corporations out-side the energy field?

In view of the importance of these questions, can we be assured that all these views have been cleared with the Liberal Party?

Does that explain their total absence from the Chamber? (Conservative laughter and cheers.)

Mr Gearge Rodgers (Chorley, Lab)—The increase in gas prices will stimulate inflation.

Mr. Benn-I think it was right to safeguard investment and jobs. One possible reduction of the PSBR might have come from cuts

in coal capacity or, for example, affected the possibility of building

Drax B.

The Gas Corporation which has an indebtedness of £2,200m, is in this sense helping to finance more of it directly.

Mr Tom King—Can the Secretary of State confirm the widely circulated report that it was he who volunteered to provide all this increase in Cabinet?.

Mr Benn—No.

tomorrow?

detail, but it is for the foreign ministers at their Council to work our commodity by commodity what are the appropriate items on which there should be price stabilization agreements, or export stabilization

They have to go muo a not at detail in relation to the fact that it is not intended that fully developed countries which possess raw materials should join in this particular project which is basically for the benefit of developing countries.

the benefit of developing countries.

They will look at the question of what subsidies for raw materials might come into play if stabilization agreements come into effect. These are more technical matters than the heads of government would be expected to get down to. On Salt, these matters are not within the competence of the Community, and Ireland is not a member of Nato, so we did not discuss them.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L)—We welcome the agreement to set up the European Foundation. Is it the hope that there will be a common front on stabilization? Can we associate our American allies with any agreement in that regard? What is the timescale of the tripartite discussions? Was there any discussion on the CAP? Mr Callaghan—I drew the atten-tion of my colleagues to the fact that a motion on the order paper and the European Foundation had been signed by more than balf the MPs in the House. This partially led the Commission to indicate they would make a study of this and bring forward proposals in due

nine on these matters of the com-mon fund. On stabilization, we undertook to study the prospect, and there has been no agreement on this although people are going to look at it with a view to reaching

On the United States, following my talks with President Carter, i assumed that now the REC as a whole has taken up a more forward position, it will be possible for us to get the agreement of the United States and that will help when the nine countries meet the 13 countries inter on.

re was no discussion on the because the agricultural

at that time.

A tripartite meeting between the Government, the trade unions, and the employers, will take place during the first half of this year. Mr Nigel Spearing (Newham, South, Lab)—The Prime Minister mentioned statements of intent on the common fund and also specific funds for specific commodities. Those two ideas are distinct from the stabilization of expect revenues. Can be confirm that the

intention of the EEC is in the first Mr Callaghan—I can confirm that it is intended to cover all shree it is intended to cover all since points. I do not say the common fund. I said a common fund. In other words, the agreement is not to any particular proposals that have been pur forward, which have been which y espoused; but to the concept of a common fund and proposals will be pur forward by the time on the hasis of a fund as we see it.

we see it.
The question of stabilization is a separate one and we have under-taken to examine that, but not co the exclusion of a common fond or

the other matters.

Mr Rnoch Powell (South Down,
UUUC)—It is clear, not least from
some of the subjects discussed at
this meeting, that the Common
Market is becoming less and less
concerned with the promotion and
widening of free trade and more
and more with the creation and
imposition of an arbitrary and artificial price system. ficial price system.

Mr Callaghan—Yes, that is not an

unfair comment, given the growth of world recession and memploy-ment. When heads of government ment, when heads of government meet they are concerned to talk about the impact of market forces upon the social health of their own countries. I have noticed a change in the nature of the discussion during the three years I have been associated with the Community directly negotiating with others. Mr Geoffrey Rippon (Hexham, C)—Can I express appreciation at the progress made in Rome towards the establishment of a European Foundation to be marked with celebration of the marked wim celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Rome and can eastern Europe do in the hope it will be a notable contribution towards fulfilling the objection to the fulfilling the objection towards fulfilling the objection to the fulfill

Mr Callaghan—Mr Rippon was the original sponsor of the moden which I drew to the attention of my colleagues and Mr Tindemans

is owed a debt of gratitude for his part in putting them forward. I hope we can get proposals from the Commission by the end of the Mr William Molloy (Ealing, North, Lab)—If there is not early response on his plea for sensible cooperation between all the west-ton nations on inflation and unem-ployment, and if this cooperation he calls for is not achieved, that is to be a three as another to the

as big a threat as anything to the stability of western civilization. stability of western civilization.

Mr Callagham—The consistence of unemployment on a wide scale could cause considerable social tensions in a number of Community countries and countries are considerable to the Community, and that is why we have asked that special attention should be paid to the problems not only of growth as a whole so that we can get greater growth in our economies, but there are problems such as buemployment among young people and women.

women.

In a number of countries including our own there are going to be a large number of people coming on to the labour market during the next three or four years. Something like 500,000 extra people will be coming on to the labour market in this country alone.

Mr Peter Blaker (Blackpool, South, C)—I welcome his state-ment as President that the ment as Freshdear mar the Community will call on other coun-tries, for example, in eastern Europe, and the oil producing countries, to make a greater con-tribution in development. Bearing tribution in development. Bearing in mind at present the contribution to overseas aid by the Soviet Union represents only 0.03 of its GNP has he or the Community any suggestions to make about how this greater contribution might be made by those countries? For example, does the Community envisage they might take part in the common fund?

that they could help if they were not to supply so many guis his were to supply a little more of the physical needs of those countries. A great deal of their aid at present is made up of armaments. If was this that was in the minds of the heads of consument when the

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this that was in the minus of the heads of government when they drew up this matter.

We were not assuming that they would want to join in a commed fund. We want to get this moving and not just to use it as a propaganda exercise but we do want eastern Europe to contribute to the North-South dialogue.

North-South dialogue.

Mr Neil Marten (Banbury, C).
This is about the third or fageth
European Council meeting which
has shown great distress at all the
unemployment, hur nothing
appears to have been done. Is
there any chance of anything being
done after this meeting, such as
something concrete? Did the German Chancellor. for example,
agree to some reflation to delp the
unemploymed, or did he not?
Mr Calleghan—We did not put appear
clific pressure upon individual
member states to reflate beyond
the point at which inflation would
take over. It is for them to indige
this. There is a difference of view
as to how far certain countries can
go and this is unresolved.

My own view is that we need a

My own view is that we need a much faster rave of growth in the world. The United States will grow faster this year than was anticipated a few months ago. That will be of help. I would like a few other countries to do the same. countries to do the same.

Mr Timothy Renton (Mr Susser, C)—The West Germany extraony is by far the most successful in the Community at present. Did any of Chancellor Schmidd's robust supply the state of the community and supply supp Mr Callaghan We both inflormed each other considerably. Both the In the present recession the work of the free market economists beginning to take second place, to the needs that arise when there

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# Right to protect investment and jobs: gas price rise flows from IMF package

requirements of the Companies
Acts in respect of the filling of
annual returns or accounts by the
following companies: Sproat
Communications, Sproat Electronics, Sproat Trading, Sproat
Publishing, Sproat Films, Cyadmare Sproat, Syston Estates and
Syston Publishing. The proposal to raise the price of much larger cuts in public spend-gas flowed from the necessity to ing. I would say, that had they been implemented the impact on poor people would have been much gas flowed from the necessity to reduce the public sector borrowing requirement, which was part of the Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—As I asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection (Mr Roy Hattersley) to ask the Cabinet to reconsider this matter, will be indicate whether it has been back to the Cabinet and safe whether it has been back to agreement reached with the IMF, Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, said.

Several questions were put to him about the gas price increase which comes into effect from April

The exchanges began when Mr Eric Moonman (Bashdon, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State would meet the chairman of the British Gas Corporation to discuss (b) Spreat Electronics Ltd.-No 1139551. Incorporated November 15, 1973. Annual returns and

Mr Benn (Bristol, South-East, Lab)—Since the Government's request to British Gas was announced by the Chancellor on December 15 I have been in touch with the chairman about its consequences on several occasions. The proposed increase will come into affect on April 1.

(d) Sproat Publishing Ltd-No 1140702. Incorporated October 22, Mr Moonman—in view of the col-laboration which was asked for and given by the trade union movement be \$460,000. The cost of engine (e) Sproat Films Ltd—No 1139586. policy over the last few years, this development cannot be estimated Incorporated October 15, 1973. decision is a slap in the face for decision is a slap in the face for the sacrifices which have been

It suggests that prices in the public sector are likely to increase for some time ahead. How does he justify this to a trade union audience, or has he tried?

Mr Benn—Any increase in the pub-lic sector is regrettable, but this has arisen from the requirement to reduce the PBSR in connexion with the IMF loan.

Mr Nell Marten (Banbury, C)— Why is it that the gas industry is the only public corporation which is asked to repey any debt, when the Post Office has, after all, made a substantial profit?

Mir Benn-Within the context of the energy industry, the choice for the Government was a reduction of investment in coal, gas, electicity or nuclear or price increases.

The comparable figures are that electricity has increased by 119 per cent over the last three years, coal and coke 92 per cent, and gas 57 per cent. Mr Ian Gow (Eastbourne, C)—Is it not misleading for the Secretary of State to blame the increase in gas prices on the IMF? There was no commitment at all, in the famous letter of December 15 to the IMF, to increase the prices.

servative Raughter and cheers.)

Mr Benn-I am not responsible—at least, I assume I am not responsible—for the absence of the Liberal Party from the Chamber.

Mr Marten must recognize—his memory will not be that short—that his colleagues demanded much more savage cuts in public expendince which would have hit people more harshly. Ought not Mr Benn to admit that be has issued a directive to the Cas Corporation to put up the price of gas which the corporation itself did not want? more harshly.

Governments have to make a judgment as between alternative ways of reducing the PSBR.

Mr Benn—This derived from the necessity to reduce the public vertor borrowing requirement. It was part of a package which involved a reduction of the borrowing requirement and what flowed from that was the necessity to raise the prices.

prices.

Mr Hugh Dykes (Harrow, East, Lab)—This will hit consumers hard particularly those with lower incomes and with above average size families, as well as pensioners. From April 1 will be authorize one of the senior officials in his department to be in permanent fouch with the DHSS lest they have problems with low income families who do not qualify for smoolementary do not qualify for supplementary

Mr Benn—The arrangements already exist for that and they are not affected by this. To those Conservatives who have demanded

### by DHSS of **Broadmoor** ex-patient

Mr Ian Sproat (Aberdeen, South, C) asked the Secretary of State for Social Services whether it was known by his department that Mr John King, employed by his department, and convicted, in Norwich Crown Court, on March 16, 1977, of unrider inside the local Department of Health and Social Security office at Great Yarmouth,

before joining his department. Mr Eric Deakins, Under Secretary, in a written reply to this and sh other related questions by Mr Sproat, said: The recruitment of clerical staff to established posts in the Civil Service is the responsibility of the Civil Service Commission. Departments may act on behalf of the commission, but a certificate of qualification can be issued only by the commission who have to be satisfied about the can-

didate's health and character. In 1967 Mr John King was considered fit for discharge from Broadnone Homital where had detained since August, 1963. The hospital social worker concerned department in Norwich which accepted him for employment in the knowledge of his record.

deferred establishment initially and Mr King's employment was unestablished until 1969 when establishment was confirmed, Mr King's service during the intervening period having been satisfactory. The Civil Service Commission

In February, 1973, Mr King was transferred as an established civil rangerred as an exacusate CVIII servant to my local office at Great Yarmouth, where he was living with his parents, with the object of shortening his daily travelling. His Broadmoor history was not known to DHSS until after the transfer to briss with after the gainster had taken place but no special action was then thought necessary in view of his satisfactory service since 1967.

Most members of DHSS local office staff have access, in the course of their duties, to the case documents of persons claiming social security benefits; Mr King was no exception. It is a matter of was no exception. It is a matter of entreme regret that Mr King seems to have made use of information so gained to further a tragic crime, even though his knowledge of his victim does not seem to have originated from information in case documents.

My department does not maintain a record of staff who have been detained in prison or a mental tautitudon prior to recruitment. The engagement of such a person would be a matter of judgment by the Civil Service Commission and my descriptor, each case being my department, each case being cousidered on its merits.

In such instances, both the commission and my department have regard to the needs of the service and the public and to the general desirability of employers helping to rehabilitate ex-prisoners and ex-An individual would be assigned

An individual would be assigned to a local social social security office only if he were considered suitable for the duties involved. Once engaged and assigned, I do not think it would be either right or practicable to place restrictions on the duties of a member of the staff of a local office by reference to coast completions or illnesses.

# Employment | Government not blind to potential threat posed by Russian power

The debate on defence was resumed on the Government motion:

"That this House takes note of the Statement on the Defence Estimates, 1977, and endorses the Government, although fally committed to seeking every opportunity on collective effort to deter appreciation while seeking to the massive military power of the committed to seeking every opportunity on collective effort to blind to the potential threat posed their own localities that the winder own localities that the committee of the committ motion:—
"That this House takes note of the Statement on the Defence Estimates, 1977, and endorses the Government's policy of basing British security on collective effort to deter aggression while seeking every opportunity to reduce tension through international agreements on arms control and disments on arms control and dis-

Mr Patrick Duffy, Under-Secretary of Defence for the Royal Navy (Sheffield, Amercliffe, Lab), said the level of defence spending over-seas was not the whole picture of the balance of payments position. Defence sales continued to make a valuable contribution; these were expected to reach £850m in 1977-

In regard to Nato's northern fiank, the number of troops specially trained for Arctic warfare was being increased. In addition to the existing 45 Commando Group and naval air squadron a further commando. Commando group, naval air squadron and tactical brigade headquarters was being trained and equipped for winter operations

The Government had been press-

committee.

The Secretary of State (Mr Mulley) had made clear that if the
United Kingdom went aroad "!"
Nimrod it would be on the basis
that it would contribute to Natu's
AEW capability.
The Covernment were siving the

by the massive military power of the Soviet Union and her allies. The critics of our defence policy (he said) often lose eight of the

(he said) often lose eight of the fact that we do not face this potential threat alone.

Naturally our allies expressed concern at the economies we were forced to make, but they realized that any effect on our troot line would be kept to a minimum and they were fully aware of the economic difficulties which Britain faced.

As a result of the defence gratew the Government accepted a slow and similed growth in equipment spending. They expected the equip-ment programmic to take a some-what higher proportion of the defence budger in the future. It had been rising stratilly since 1974nau been rising steady since 19/4-75. Yet the Opposition amendment, asked the House to accept that the forces were being seriously deprived of modern equipment. He found that a surprising and Ill-informed judgment in the light of the major re-equipment pro-

resources were mainly devoted to containing that threat. They were continuing to improve their capa-bility particularly in anti-sub-marine warfare.

Nimrod it would be on the basis that it would contribute to Natu's AEW capability.

The Government were giving the most urgent consideration to this matter. This would be on the basis of days, not weeks.

The policy the Government had inherited from the Tories was seriously overstretching the forces.

The ninth nuclear powered submarine had entered service and three more of the same class were under construction. The first of would be launched at Barrow in May and the second was under construction. They were also building a new class of A22, the first of

their own localities that the warship building programme was
approved at least by Labour MPs.
There ised been no deletions of
orders from the forward; warship
building programme.

Our contribution to Meto (he
went on) is and will remain substantial. I do not believe that it is
materially affected by short-term
economies in our defence budgit;
I am confident that Nato forcet are
sufficient to deter aggression of
any sort and that the United Kingdom is pulling its full weight in the
alliance.

The standard of training and the professionalism of our all-volting teer forces are both widely registered and in particular is the naval sphere, our European allies look to us for training and guidance on tacked doctrine.

We hear a lot about GNP and GDP and percentages but none has come up with a competent way of including equally important factors such as value for money, quality of anniment. professional competent The standard of training and the such as value for money, quality of equipment, professional compe-tence of members of the street airborne early warning project.

Unfortunately they were not able to do so at the meeting last week, The Government would therefore be carefully considering their attitude to the project and the Nimrod alternative in the light of the discussions of the defence planning of the chief threat came from the customs of the defence planning of the chief threat came from the by the Opposition, the Government of the discussions of the defence planning of the chief threat came from the by the Opposition, the Government of the discussions of the defence planning of the chief threat came from the by the Opposition, the Government of the discussions of the defence planning of the chief threat came from the by the Opposition, the Government of the chief threat came from the by the Opposition, the Government of the chief threat came from the by the Opposition, the Government of the chief threat came from the chief threat came from the continuing the continuing the continuing that in all these respects we come out on top.

Come out on top

by the Opposition, the Government had not and would not deprive the armed forces of modern equipment. It has not left ment tillinsufficient conventional capability to deter aggression. They con-tinued to play a major ride is Nata and provide sufficient forces in the alliance.
We support Nato (he concluded)

as an instrument of détente as well as defence and will commue to seek every opportunity to reduce tension through international

cles. (Labour cries of " Strame

The Government could not escape the fact that the responsibilities forces in Germany were so; poorly equipped was a direct result, of their defence cuts. It was unitally for the Government

for the Government to pretent they were not cutting the teeth.

they were not cutting the treath.

There had been cuts in Naso, not only on the central front but also on the flanks. On the southern flank they had seen the withdrawal of the amphibious capability. They would see in 18 months the withdrawal of the Namrod recommunance aircraft which, he believely was responsible for no less than 40 per cent of all Sovier submarine signings in the Mediterranean.

Furthermore, they were seeing a

Furthermore, they were seeing a rundown of the Royal Marines. The Royal Marines would have to go into battle courtesy of Mr Fred Olsen and ferry ships.

The yardstick of Conservative policy would not be the performance of the allies but the level of perceived threat to Britain and the allies.

there was no single thing more important to the British people than peace and freedom.

We will not (he said) double talk.

Conservatives

# A defence policy with false teeth

ford, C), moved an amendment to make the motion read:—
"That this House regrets that HM Government's defence policy has resulted in our forces being seriously deprived of modern equipment necessary to maintain, with the other members of the North Atlantic Alliance, sufficient conventional capability to deter acts of aggression, to sustain an effective fighting force in the event of actual hostilities, and thereby to strengthen our influence in formulating the policies of the

of actual hostilides, and thereby to strengthen our influence in formulating the policies of the alliance. He said it was apprecedented since 1950 for a Government to fall to table a motion to approve their own statement on the defence estimates. That reflected badly on how rattled the Government had become. They dared not ask the House to approve either their public spending programme or defence policy because they no longer commanded the support of their own party on either subject.

The Government were merely asking the Commons to take note, but regrettably there was little in the White Paper to take note of.

The money could be found to nationalize the shippointing and aircraft industries; for North Sea oil and development land. Taxpayers stood helplessly by as hundreds of millions of pounds more of their money was squandered by the National Enterprise Board, by Lord Ryder and British Leyland. The money was there but it was merely a question of priorities:

The Government preferred to cut

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The Government preferred to cut
expenditure on defence and lower
the nuclear threshold in Europe
and imperal peace itself and to
undermine by unlisteral defence
cuts the prospect of securing a
serious viable arms control agreement with the Russians. In the
order of socialist priorities it was
worth putting all that at risk to
move forward to the socialist Marrist state.

The Minister of State for

rist state.

The Minister of State for Defence (Mr John Gilbert) had admitted that Britain, almost alone of the Nato allies, was reducing defence expenditure. It was significant that no MP, even from the left wing of the Labour Party, had suggested the Soviet threat was diministrate. Since the Government came to office in 1974 much had chauged in the world. It could not be questioned that principal among

Mir Winston Churchill, an Opposition spokesman on defence (Stretton spokesman on defence (Str more of its gross artional product, was double what had been previously estimated by the West. It was close to three times the Nato

was close to three was average.

The forces were so great on the Warsaw Pact side that the supreme Allied Commander, Europe, believed the West could now be sure of no more than 72 hours't warning in the event of a surprise attack by the Soviet Union. When warming in the event of a surprise stack by the Soviet Union. When would the Secretary of State for Defence (Mr Frederick Mulley) and the Government wake up to the new and sharming facts and act accordingly, rather than other unctuous broundes?

It was only recently that the Soviet Union had acquired a serious offensive capability, something that never existed even in the times of the Cars. Now for the first time the Soviet Union, having both strategic and nuclear parity with the West, had built up a clear preponderance of power in Europe.

Europe.

No action could be more calculated to disrupt the stability of Europe or the peace of the world than this development. Yet the British Government by their policy of unitareral defence cuts persisted in ignoring reality and was placing peace in jeopardy.

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peace in jeopardy.

The Labour Government, in embarking on the defence review, had sought to give the impression that defence cuts were principally to do with the relics of the imperial past and enabled them to concentrate on Naso which was claimed, in the well-worn phrase to be the "lyochpia" of Britain's defence.

The story was that the cuts were concentrated on the defence that "which most would consider to be the Whitehall Civil Service that had scarcely been pruned at all.

This animal appears (he said) to have a very long tail, it must be an extensible tail which, as soon as one minister claims to have amputated it, grows again to enable a The Secretary of State has

one minister claims to have amputated it, grows again to enable a The Secretary of State has described a socialist defence policy: no muscle, no brain, no flesh and blood, no limbs, no heart, n life support system.

What Mr Mulley describes is or a skeleton. That at least has a backbone. The tail has gone. All that remains are teeth and when they are examined closely we find yawning gaps and vast areas of view of the balance of terror might have led them fano a miscalculation have led them fano a miscalculation have led them fano a miscalculation.

We will not the said) double ralk our allies on such a wital matter at national security. Our first priority will be to ensure that our solders, sailors and sirmen are not released in the face of the enemy. We will see they get the necessary equipment to strengthen their front line. Above all we will tell our people the truth about the structure of the routing them today.

Under Conservative leadership (he went on) Britain will show by her resolve and detarmination in the face of the Soviet threat that presents itself today that we at least are prepared to stand up and be counted and by our example we believe we will encourage other members of the alkance to do the same.

yawning gaps and vast areas of view of the balance of terror might decay.

When put to the test, this sociaabout how much they should spend



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# Lower in real terms than five years ago

Even after the 10 per cent increase was taken into account, gas prices were lower in real terms than they were five years ago, Mr John Cunningham, Under Secretary for ningham, Under Secretary for Energy, said. He was asked by Mr Peter Rost (South-East Derbyshire, C) what ne was assen by sar zerer 2001 (South-East Derbyshire, C) what representations had been received from consumer associations or others following the announcement of a rise in gas prices.

of a rise in gas prices.

Mr Cunningham (Whitehaven, Lab)—The Secretary of State has received about 500 representations from consumers and their representatives up to March 25.

Mr Rost—The arbitrary manner in which the Government have increased gas prices without proper consultation has rightly angered consumers.

consumers.

However, it must be in the longer ferm interests of the consumer that gas prices should not be artificially lower than other energy

Mr Philip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab)—This price increase was agreed as part of the IMF loan package last year which we now know was partly based on inac-

prices in view of the need for huge investment in the long-term to provide for alternative energy resources.

Mr Containglann—I agree with the latter part of this question. The Government had to make a decision pretty quickly to get the fuel industries out of the delicit into which they had been forced by the previous administration.

The Government also decided, because of conservation measures, to move towards economic pricing of fuels.

I agree about the long-term. It increase into account gas is at a lower cost in real terms than five years ago. Any increase in gas prices is bound to cause concern to people on low incomes. Any reconsideration of the decision associated with the IMF is one for the Chancellor (Mr Healey).

I agree about the long-term to provide for the chancellor (Mr Healey).

I agree about the long-term to provide for the increase has nothing to do with the IMF. It is because of fears with the price of gas that to be hrought up to some type of parity, otherwise electricity would have been destroyed. have been destroyed.

Mr Cunningham—No. The decision was aunounced as part of the measures in December last year.

Like had become apparent in the

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# Student's basic grant to become £1,000 a year, with a reduction in parents' contribution

The Government is to spend more than £50m more on students' grants in 1977-78, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced in the Commons

The basic grant is to be raised from £875 to more than £1,000 a year, which is about £25 a week for the 40 weeks of the year (all except the long vacation) it is expected to cover. Parental contributions towards the grants are to be reduced and every student depending on parental assist-ance will receive a minimum grant of £80 towards mainten-

The new levels for 1977-78, which take effect in October, are (1976-77 levels in which take effect in October, are (1976-77 levels in brackets): students in hall/lodgings £1,010 (£875), in hall/lodgings in London £1,145 (£955) and living ar home £785 (£675).

from either the Department of Education and Science or the research councils will also be increased, from £1,270 a year to £1,475 for students living away from home; from £1,380 to £1,655 for students away from home in London and from £055 £925 to £1,075 for students at

tional cost of the new under-graduate awards will be about £50m, bringing the total for these awards to about £515m in

estimated at £3.8m, bringing their total to £39m in 1977-78. The starting point in the parental income at which a con-

tribution has to be made to the have to support themselves for grant has been raised from 2 residual income (after mortgages, pensions, dependants and other considerations of £2,700 a year to £3,200, and reductions in the size of the contributions have been made throughout the scale.

Mrs Williams said adjust-

ments would be made to the parental-contribution scale to ake account of the effects of inflation and to compensate parents for the reduction of child tax allowance in the coming financial year. The starting point for a spouse's contribution to the

grant has been raised from £2,700 to £3,000. The minimum maintenance grant of £30 replaces the £50 grant that the Government decided to abolish last year when it arounced that all students in receipt of a manda-

students in receipt of a manda-tory grant would have their turion fees paid. That decision still stands for next year.
Other modifications are that all students who have taken two-year advanced courses, and not just those who have taken Higher National Dinloma courses or Diploma of Higher Education courses, will have support for the final year of a later degree course.

Students will no longer be disqualified from a mandatory

entendance on a previous

Mature students will still three out of six years before a course to be eligible for a grant, but the extra sum they receive a year for every year by which they are over 25 before the start of the course is to be raised to £100, with a maximum

of £400. At a press conference in London, Mr Oakes, Minister of State overseeing higher educa-tion, said the grants had not been announced for the usual three-year period because the economy was expected to

Tory Welcome. Mr Norman St John-Stevas, MP, Conservative spokesman on education, welcomed the announcement, par-ticularly the reduction in the parental contribution (the Press Association reports). "However, in view of the fact that 73 per cent of parents do not pay the contribution to their children, the Government should set up at once an impartial committee to investigate and review the whole situation", he said. "Disappointed" students: Mr Charles Clarke, outgoing president of the National Union of Students, said the increases were disappointing in that they failed to compensate fully for past inflation (a Staff Reporter writes). But the union was glad that the Government had recognized the merits of its case for fewer discretionary awards and a reduction in means-testing.

### University grant cut less than expected

The universities' recurrent great for 1977-78 will be £562m. a cut of 1 per cent on this year's figure, Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, announced yesterday. They will also reteive on additional £35.1m for furniture and equipment, com-pared with £33.5m this year.

The reduction in the recur-rent grant is far less than had post, which pays £3,000 a year, as their first woman president at the end of June. been feared by the University Grants Committee, which late last year predicted a fall in universities income in 1977-78

of about 4 per cent. Mrs Williams also announced provisional figures for the uniof the union.

Her main rivals in the presidential election were Mr Hugh Lanning, a candidate of the ultra-left, who came second, and versities' grant for the next three years, thus meeting critiism from the universities and the grants committee that the recent system of announcing

grants annually prevented long The provisional figures are: £556m in 1978-79, £564m for 1979-30 and £572m for 1980-81. Those figures assume the same level of tuition fees as in 1977been taken on fee levels for

Unlike previous grants, the £562m includes local authority rates payable by universities (£30m). It also includes an undisclosed sum for academic

staff salaries. Mrs Williams said that if pay and prices increased much more than had been assumed in the calculation the Government would be prepared to re-

# Good showing of Federation of Conservative Students in delegation

# Broad Left holds on to central role in NUS

From Neville Hodgkinson Social Policy Correspondent

In the student political spectrum Miss Susan Slipman, presi dept-elect of the National Union of Students and a member of the Communist Party national executive, is a moderate. Her election yesterday reaffirms the central role held in the union by the Broad Left, an alliance of Labour Party and communist supporters, for whom she was the candidate. She takes over the full-time

Miss Slipman said afterwards that she was committed to working with all democratic parties and would put her own political affiliations second to the needs

Mr Steven Moon, the Tory candidate, who was third.

NUS politics are an extraordinary jumble of what seem at first to the outsider to be a contract of the state of the state

series of posturings, slogans and intrigues with little relevance to the wider world.

Delegates from some of the smaller colleges arriving at the conference for the first time have been known to pack their bags and leave after only the preliminary skirmishes. They have been unterly confused by -counter-

amendments, caucus meetings and behind-the-scenes lobbying that generally takes precedence over debate on ideas or issues. The sessions last a withering 15 hours a day, from 9 am to

Miss Susan Slipman: first woman president of NUS.

leaders continue their talks and intrigues almost until dawn. It is the joy of the political fight, familiar to Westminster politicisms three times the age of the students, that is the main strength of the occasion.

The Broad Left leaders were delighted at 3 am yesterday to have persuaded the Federation of Conservative Students not to fall in behind the ultra-left in the second ballot of the presidential election, which some of the Tories had been tempted to do to show their muscle. The NUS conference

to be predominantly a huge game in which the participants

sion-taking. The fact that the accompanied by a strengthening decisions taken are rarely of of the democratic fabric of the relevance to anyone but stu-dents and frequently of only of them does not denude the exercise of value, Many former NUS officials enter national politics and often achieve posi-

rions of great influence.

There is an emphasis on procedural safeguards and niceties but with that a commitment to democratic principles, both in letter and spirit. There is strong and genuine disagrement on the union's policy of denying a platform to fascist and racialist speakers and letter on which ist speakers, an issue on which a significant debate is expected this week.

As well as serving as a dress rehearsal for future politicos, the conference reflects trends of the broadest kind in the mood of the most politically active of the \$00,000 young

people represented.

Mr Charles Clarke, the outgoing president, is among those who draw attention to the contrast between the heady days centred on the Vietnam war increasingly hard-headed economic concerns that dominate

student politics today.
Whereas some see the student body as becoming fearful and defensive, Mr Clarke detects a ties of local political life, having forged closer links with publicctor trade unions through act-g jointly against public ending cuts.

The common threats of college closures, higher fees and union. A few years ago there was no Conservative represe of the 800 delegates are Tory.

The change reflects a 1973 decision by the Federation of Conservative Students become active in the union

revival of Conservatism Many Broad Left leaders welcome the development, even though it weakens their hold on the union, on the ground that it can only be to the advantage of the student body for its decisions to be seen to fully democratic.

again, rather than any

There is also a clearer identification of opinion at the other and of the political spectrum. The International Socialists, a righly sectarian "neo-Trotsky st" group, are being over-badowed at this conference by a new extreme left grouping called the Socialist Students Alliance, which wants to build united socialist alternative to

Shifting the whole spectrum several degrees to the right, it is not difficult to imagine that these developments are to some extent shadowing and perhaps foreshadowing similar trends at Westminster.

Communist treasurer: Miss Penny Cooper, aged 24, a communist, was elected treasurer of the National Union of Students. She is in her final year of a sociology degree course at the Polytechnic of the South Bank London Before beginning her studies she worked for two years as a civil

# Ex-police chief says he O poten never took money corruptly

Wallace Virgo, former head of Scotland Yard's obscene publications squad, denied at the Central Criminal Court yesterday accepting money from James Humphreys, a self-confessed pornographer. He also said he had not accepted money from Reruie Silver, a former Mr Donald Farouharson, his from Bernie Silver, a former associate of Mr Humphreys, whom he first met when in-quiries were being made into the 1965 death of Freddie Mills.

Mr Virgo, aged 59, a former commander, now retired, of Horse Lane Orchard, Ledbury, is among six former detectives from the obscesse publications squad who have all pleaded not guilty to accepting bribes from pornographers in London. Mr Virgo referred to allega-tions made against him by the press and having "trouble" with the News of the World in March, 1972. It had been

March, 1972. It had been alleged that he went on holiday to freiand with his wife and Mr Silver, that Mr Silver had paid for the entire trip, and the paper intended printing 

reys. Mr Virgo said he immediately got into touch with Sir John Weldron, then the He had been on koliday to Ireland but with his wife only and not Mr Silver. The News of the World were rold this and the allegation was never pub-lished. The paper did not apolo-

lished. The paper did not approgise to him.

Mr Virgo said he had never
received money from Mr
Humphreys. When reminded
him that Mr Humphreys had
alleged handing him £1,000 at
the bar of Dolly's Club in Shepherd Market in 1969, Mr Virgo

Mr Donald Farquharson, his counsel, said: "Humphreys occasions in 1970 he paid you bimself sums of £2,000 and that on other occasions Silver did."
Mr Virgo replied: "That is completely untrue."

Mr Virgo was taken through items and entries from Mr Humphreys's diary when on a number of occasions the name Wally" appeared. That name did not refer to him, he said. Mr Virgo denied receiving money from Mr Ronald Mason, a bookshop operator, who had given evidence earlier. He said that as far as he knew he received no money through the inspector of the obscepe publications squad or any other way.
Mr Virgo concluded his
evidence-in-chief by saying that during his police service he

said he stressed to the obscene publications aguad at monthly intervals the need for vigilance on corruption in general. He was referred to a repor

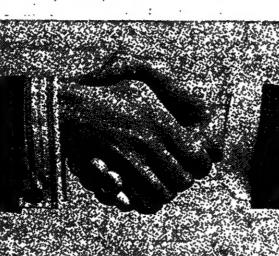
in The Observer on August 15, 1971, concerning alleged corruption by police in Soho, and a Private Eye report of a simi-lar nature later the same

month.

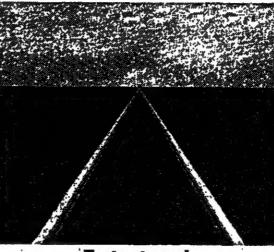
He said he had written in police files that Mr Richard Ingreus, editor of Private Eye and his reporter had admitted that they could not substantiate any part of the story.

The trial continues today.

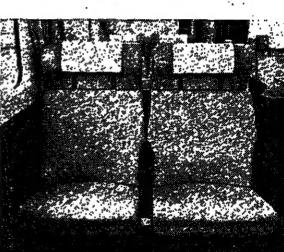
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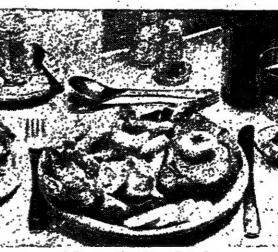
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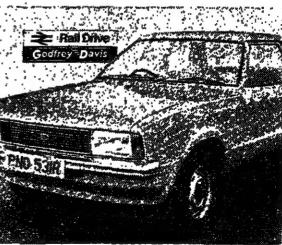
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# Running of NHS 'slowed by consensus management'

By John Roper Health Services Correspondent

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The reorganization of the National Realth Service in 1974 had been used as a scape-goat to be blamed for all the service's fils, the Office of Health Economics says in a report gublished yesterday. But many other factors contributed to its difficulties.

Those factors included Britain's poor economy, chang-ing health care needs and the shifting balance of professional authority within the service, according to the report on the reorganization of the health service. It has been sent to the Royal Commission on the

the Royal Commission on the National Health Service. A complex process of organizational adaptation had fostered a belief that the service was being overwhelmed by bureaucracy and discontent. Linked trends such as the emergence of new professional groups and stronger unionization formed part of the process. But, the report says, a decade must pass before proper judgment can be made.

Maintenance of health is no longer seen as the sole responsibility of doctors, the report says. The breakdown of the status of the medical profession has created within the service measurable see to how and wice uncertainty as to how and by whom the discipline neces-sary for its efficient function-ing should be exercised.

Emphasis has been placed on consensus management, slowing and complicating the administrative process, and possibly generating a further loss of

purpose and direction.

Much of the "crisis" in the service exists in the context of its being an employer rather than being an efficient provider of services to health care

There is a glut of time-con-suming and apparently point-less committees at all levels in the service, the report continues. There were unsatisfac-tory aspects of community health councils, the public's

watchdogs, which in some cases may never become more than talking shops or platforms for local politicians.

There is also justifiable con-cern about the efficacy of col-laborative arrangements be-tween health and local authorities. But none of those points is strong enough to make an objective observer believe that the reorganized health service is doomed to failure, the report

Immediately after reorganiza Immediately after reorganization, the report says, management was for two years
continuously involved in sorting
out difficulties caused by
industrial action. Ther was timeconsuming and considerably
reduced the service's field
capacity to consider future
policies, Attention tended to be
concentrated by the public and
professional people on the ills
of the service rather than on
the people it exists to serve. the people it exists to serve.

Architects rebuke: The Royal
Institute of British Architects
has criticized the National mas criticized the Mailonal Health Service for the "cumbersome and expensive works structure" that followed the 1974 reorganization. Good design and efficient property management had been hindered, the institute that in saidance the institute says in evidence to the royal commission.

More than 600 architects are employed in the service, with many more from private practice indirectly involved The service owns one of the biggest estates in the country but neither the present nor the previous organization has mad the best use of land or build ings, the institute says.

Before reorganization some of the estate management diffi-culties were being overcome but reorganization shattered the arrangements. The character of the buildings in which patients are treated may have a substantial effect on their well-being and on the morale well-being and out and adds.
of staff, the institute adds. The Reorganized National Healt Service (Office of Health Econ mics, 162 Regent Street, London WIR, 6DD, 76p).



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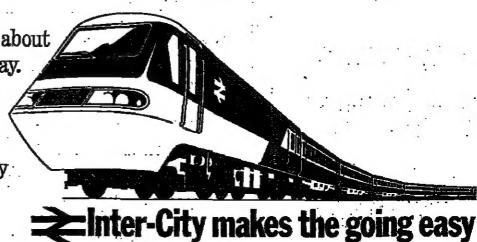
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# Ulster MPs threaten partial Commons ban over IRA killings

In the latest expression of Protestant anger at the continuing Provisional IRA campaign hard-line "loyalist" MPs are threatening to boycott some of the proceedings of the House of Commons.

bungalow where his mother, his father, who is 73, and one of his sisters, aged 21, were sleeping. Surrounding the building, the terrorists raked, it with automatic fire at close range, breaking every some of Commons.

for some time, were disclosed vesterday by the Rev Ian Paisley, MP for Antrim, North, and one of the most influential members of the United Ulster Unionist Coalition.

He was speaking at the scene of the murder yesterday morn-ing of Mrs Hester McMullan, aged 63, the Protestant mother a police reservist killed when the IRA launched a machine-gun attack against her remote onestorey cottage in co Autrim. The incident was one of the most vicious in a year that has seen 39 deaths from terrorism. It began shortly after 7 am "I have talked with some of when one of Mrs McMullan's my colleagues who feel the same

sons was driving his lorry down the narrow country road near the family home.

He was ambushed by a hijacked Volkswagen containing who had no connexion with the security forces, escaped by turning into a farmyard.

are threatening to boycott some of the proceedings of the House of Commons.

Details of the protest, which has been discussed in private for some time. Were disclosed the change managines automatic fire at close range, automatic fire at close range. The close stange, automatic fire at close range, automatic fire at close range. halted to change magazines before continuing their attack. Neither father nor daughter was injured and it was later dis-closed that the reservist who was the apparent target had left home some months before.

Mr Paisley, who was one of the first to arrive at the scene, described the attack as a determined attempt to wipe out an entire Protestant family: "I will have to withdraw from Parliament and appear only when my vote will count against the Government", he said:
"I have talked with some of

way. Our position is that if we go to Parliament and make speeches we are providing a facade for the Government, jacked Volkswagen containing which by its own policy is four men which pursued him for half a mile. The terrorists repeatedly aimed bursts of automatic fire from the car windows. Eventually Mr James McMullan, skirts of Belfast. Residents of the provisional in the half of the containing the containin the predominantly Protestant village left their homes for three bours while army experts The IRA gang then drove defused a bomb planted straight back to the isolated tanker carrying fuel oil.

# Council official obtained £58,869 by deception

From Our Correspondent Sheffield

deception, it was stated at Sheffield Crown Court yester-

He pleaded guilty ro eight charges of deception between August, 1975, and September last year and was jailed for 18 months. Mr Alderton, aged 32, lives at River Lane, Missen, man Donewer.

near Doncaster.
Mr John Deby, for the prosecution, said Mr Alderton

With the completion of the

small and vulnerable interloper

in between masses of steel, creating borrifying amounts of

kinetic energy.

So for many it is often a joy to go back to such roads as the

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to Hexham

was solely responsible for investments and opened an account in the name of Rother knew nothing about. A coun-cillor also paid money into that account but the police were satisfied he had done nothing dishonest and there were no allegations against him.

Sergeant David Webb said Mr Alderton asked for a composite offence of obtaining £300 expenses by deception to be considered. He had repaid £50,360 and a cheque for a further £3,000 had not yet been cleared, leaving £5,500 outstand-

Mr Paul Kennedy, QC, for the defence, said Mr Alderton was of limited ability but in a position of great authority without experience and support.

## Sir Harold mourns lost scientific chances

By Pearce Wright Science is the "Cinderella" subject in government, Sir Harold Wilson said at the centenary celebrations in London yesterday of the Royal Institute yesterday of the kovel historic of Chemistry. He used the description after discussing some of the lost opportunities in converting scientific achieve-ment into commercially profit-

able ventures.

"If we had received a £10 royalty on every jet engine sold since 1949 we would have the largest balance of payments surplus in the world", he said. It was only one example within the memory of many of us "when British science was winning its laurels and yet not being clothed with the necessary technology to earn industrial technology to earn industrial and commercial success".

The 1930s in Britain were an era of relative technological decadence and almost unprecedented scientific advance. Radar, the early flowering of nuclear science, antibiotics, jet propulsion and jet aircraft were established in that time. Part of the reason for not

up prices.

By Our Foreign Staff

The only British survivor of Sunday's crash at Tenerife air-

port telephoned his wife yester-day to tell her of his ordeal. Mr John Cooper, aged 53, a

Pan Am maintenance engineer, was taken to hospital after the

crash but was not badly

înjured. Mrs Beatrice Cooper said at

their home in Frimley, Surrey, yesterday: "John telephoned me this morning. He said it was

horrifying.
"He was in the cabin when

the crash happened. I am very relieved that he is safe." In Santa Cruz de Tenerife,

Miss Marion Anderson, an American, said she was sitting alone behind the first-class sec-

when the crash happened.

"The top of the plane in the front section was sheared right off and there was just a hig open place", she said. "I immediately unfastened my sear

mediately unfastened my seat belt, crawled through the debris, jumped down the side

of the plane and ran.
"The flames were billowing

all around me. Behind me there was just black smoke and

converting them properly to industrial advantage lay, in Sir Harold's explanation, with the terms of lend-lease in which the Government gave away many of the advantages of those

or the advantages of those achievements.
However, the responsibility of government for science was much more problematical.
"Education had become more relevant, and this does not mean that technological universities and science faculties in other universities should be-come specialist and functional and that every scientist emerg-ing should go into scientific work", he said.

He wished to see more university and college trained scientista go into administra-tion, industrial relations, local government, and finance. He indicated that that had begun in the Civil Service; nevertheless he identified as the real problem "where ought science

He said science was a Cinderella in the Department of Education and that the department was a postbag for scientific subjects. On the other hand science could not be separated from education, yet it ought to be allied with technology.

But technology had to be allied with industry. Thus there was no simple answer for where to put responsibility for science that would satisfy all

Mr Jenkins to have

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# talks next month with President Carter

Brussels, March 28.—Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Euro-pean Commission, will visit Washington on April 18 and 19 for talks with President Carter missioner for Energy, was in Washington in mid-March to see Mr James Schlesinger, the President's top adviser on the subject.—AP. Paris, March 28.—Authoritaand other senior American officials, it was announced here

tive French sources said today that Mr Jenkins would attend today. Mr Jenkins, the former Home Secretary, has had his new job enhanced by a decision at the one special session of the Lon-don summit. weekend to send him to the economic summit meeting in London on May 7 and 8. He will represent the Nine member countries of the EEC as a Commenting on Saturday's compromise over EEC partici-pation in the meeting, the sources said heads of govern-

ment of the Nine had agreed that Mr Jenkins should be invited to sit in with the seven Mr Jenkins will be in Wash-ington on the eve of President delegations in talks on prob-lems within the competence of Carter's announcement of his lems within the competence of the EEC, basically the North-South dialogue and the multi-lateral trade negotiations in Gatt (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade).

The sources said these issues would be grouped in a special session of the London summit. Mr Jenkins would not attend new policy on energy. EEC officials are looking to the announcement with some expectation for they are worried that increasing United States imports of oil will drive

Survivors tell of seconds

between life and death

It will be Mr Jenkins's first trip to the United States in his new job, which he took over in January, only two weeks before Mr Carter's inaugura-Mr Jenkins would not attend the other sessions, which would constitute the most important part of the conference.—Agence France-Presse.

of a Los Angeles tour agency

serious condition in a Santa Cruz hospital. He said: "She could not take the buckles off her seat belt and I helped her, but she was impossible to move.

"I rried to pull her up and then there was another explosion I fell the other way and she fell this way. Then, I

tried to reach her again. Then

there was another explosion. It was so fast that I was thrown

out of the plane.
"I looked and the whole

plane was on fire. 'Oh God', I thought, wife" "That is the end of it. Then there was

another explosion and she was

travel agent, who saw the crash

said some survivors emerged

with all except their shoes burnt off them. "They were

walking singly, mechanically,

without any sort of reaction,

"Their skin and hair were

more or less burnt and they were made to lie down on sofas

like puppets", he said.

Mr Asger Smith, a Danish

thrown off."

flames and constant ex-plosions." and doctors atended to them while waiting for ambulances to Mr James Naik, comptroller take them to hospital."

The KLM jumbo (right) had begun its take-off run before the PanAm aircraft had turned off the main runway on to

# British fight to offset farm price rises

that arranged many of the Pan Am flights, escaped serious injury, but his wife was in farmers.

This overriding concern is likely to prevent any appreciable long-term adjustments of the Community's agricultural policy by, for example, discouraging costly surpluses.
The British hope to hold

down food prices overall by persuading their partners to agree to a 20p a lb butter subsidy for consumers paid out of EEC funds. This would more. than offset expected price rises over the coming months. They have calculated that it would cost the EEC budget about \$190m initially. But they mainrain, that the net cost would be lower because of savings on funds otherwise required to sub-

funds otherwise required to subsidize overseas sales.

The British are also arguing
that a large subsidy would
help dairy farmers in other
community countries by keeping up consumption in Britain.
A figure of an extra 80,000
tonnes a year is being mentioned by officials. tioned by officials.

contribute the lion's share of the Community budget, are never keen to see the already high cost of financing its agricultural policy rise any further. They and the French see no reason why the Community should subsidize sales of New Zealand butter as Britain would like would like.

lier insistence on a complete freeze on the price of milk.

the Benefuz countries, which have been pressing for a more generous offer than the European Commission's original suggestion of a modest 3 per cent rise in the autumn to be mostly offset by a 25 per cent

production levy.
The dairy problem remains the most difficult aspect of anxious to meet their April I deadline.

# This would inevitably lead to further encouragement of dairy surpluses in France and

this year's price review. But after four days interrupted only by sleep and meal breaks. the ministers were tonight still

# Britain urged to approve nuclear power funds

Britain will come under strong pressure here tomorrow to lift its vero on a proposal for the raising of loans worth \$500m units of account (about £330m), guaranteed by the European Communication which the British consider they were promised at an EEC summit meeting in Rome in December, 1975.

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British Government, Dr Guido Brunner, Commissioner responfor energy, said here today: "It would create a very good impression if Britain could make it possible for these loans to go through." The question of the loans,

which were first proposed two years ago, will be one of the items on the agenda of a meeting of EEC research and its approval for the loan scheme to a decision on a min-

energy ministers when they meet here tomorrow under the chairmanship of Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy. Britain has hitherto linked

imum support price of oil.

Subm units of account (about a means of protecting its big £330m), guaranteed by the European Community to help to finance the construction of nuclear power stations throughout the Community.

In a direct agreeal to a minimum support price as a means of protecting its big investment in North Sea oil and the European Commission has suggested setting a price of \$7 (just over £4) a barrel.

At a press conference Description of the conference of \$1 (just over £4) a barrel. In a direct appeal to the Brunner said he believed there was a reasonable chance that Mr Benn could be persuaded to approve the loan scheme in return for an understanding that an oil support price would be discussed at the next meeting of energy ministers in June. He also hoped that a decision would at last be taken tomorrow on the choice of site for the Joint European Torus (JET), the ambitious experimental project which could open the way to the commercial use of thermonuclear fusion, a relatively clean and virtually unlimited energy

source.

I think the prosects for a decision are fair, he said.

degenerated into a "common

He added that to prevent a

lengthy condemnation by Try-buna Ludu's editor-in-chief, Jozef Barecki.

hance on 11.

tical harmfulness". The appeal's signatories were

"almost the same group of people who for many months have been inciding and supply-ing with anti-Polish amount-tion foreign propaganda tion foreign propaganda centres hostile to our country".

Workers' Defence Committee, set up last year to aid workers punished after food price riots Trybuna Ludu, which said it was in the west end not in Poland that human rights were violated, also said President Carter's outspoken statements on human rights were causing embarrassment and concern

There is no doubt to anyone that the new American admini-stration, by its interpretation of human rights, slows down detente in the world, the newspaper declared.

The editor took particular

added.
Signatories of the appeal have said their movement is non-political and they want to cooperate with the authorities is exposing human rights violations. But the article said they had a clear political aim and their document had a unequivocal anti-Polish significance.

#### After buying his £29,000 house with cheques he signed on behalf of the local authority, investments, which the council Michael Ronald Alderton, the E9,000-a-year deputy director of

services at Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council lost interest in his work and went on to obtain a total of £58,869 from the corporation by

# Joys of being a non-motorway addict Regional report

#### motorway network in the North of England some almost forgotten joys are being rediscovered by discriminating drivers who seek out the old John Chartres trunk routes, now almost deserted by heavy lorries and hurrying businessmen. Manchester

The north-west regional office of the Automobile Association reports a steadily increasing volume of requests for nontimes you were stranded in the famous Jungle Cafe at the foot of Shap Fell. In the newspaper business few winters went by drivers of all ages, particularly from those planning holiday without reporting such dramas as the parson and his wife who saved the life of a stranded The motorway system with its "national crossroads" on the outskirts of Manchester enables driver suffering a heart attack by making their huge shaggy dog lie on top of him to keep northeners to be almost any-

where in the country between Plymouth and Glasgow in four hours or less. However, some stretches of the M6 (north to south) and the M62 (west to You never really saw the pleasant little villages you passed through: they were just bottlenecks. You could certainly never enjoy the superb vistas of moors, lakes, rainbows and jagged skylines which the hill country of the North always east) arteries are carrying so much heavy commercial traffic that the private car driver cometimes feels himself to be a offers to travellers with eyes to see. Dirty number plates and flashing stoplights were all you could afford to concentrate

All that is altered now If

you have to travel from Man-chester to Carlisle in two hours, you go pounding up the M6 and at least you usually have time to drink in the beauties of one of the most scenic stretches of any motor-way in Britain as it passes through the Lune gorge be-tween Kendal and Penrith. But to divert a little and take the old Shap Fell road can be blissful. The Jungle Cafe with its lorry-driver clientele now diverted away has been re-named the Wayfarer Res-taurant; the "Leviand clock", put up when the word Leyland referred only to large, ex-tremely good lorries, on the lower slopes of Shap has gone, so has the little windswept cafe on the 1,200ft summit where many a potential hypothermia case was restored to life by mugs of hot sweet tea. The telephone box on the summit, which must have some sort of record for the number of transfer charge calls made from it, remains and still works.

The surface of the old road remains in first class condition and many a car driver heading south from Glasgow and feeling the first insidious effects of motorway drowsiness swings on

not discrining trans-rennine motorist can also look down on the motorway from the vertiginous height of the Scammonden overpass bridge, having first noted a sign which says "Side wind. Equestriennes dismount". No one at the Ministry of Transport, it seems, has yet invented a little picture to represent that instruction and to represent that instruction and thereby present driving test
examiners with one more
opportunity to fall a candidate.
Mr Brian Snook, the landlord
of Nort Sarah's, says that trade

# to it so that he can refresh himself by changing gear occasionally and turning his steering wheel from time to In the lounge bar of Nont

Sarah's they have installed a telescope and the discerning user of the A640 can view not only the Scammonden reservoir complete with a fleet of sailing dinghies, which was built part and parcel with the M62 trans-Pennine motorway, but can also view with smug pity the steel and rubber rat-race going on across the valley on the motor-

The discerning trans-Pennine L100ft above sea level has by no means declined since his establishment ceased to be a landmark on one of the main links between Lancashire and

The clientele, however, is different. Instead of grey-faced sales representatives calling in to telephone wives and offices, the customers tend to come from a hang-gliding club near by, from the active local beagle bunt and from among many West Riding people who just like going up on to the high moors for a drink or a meal. Much has been said and written about the benefits the motorways have brought to the North in terms of fast travel. It is being discovered that they are also conferring considerable advantages upon those who prefer fairly slow travel and like time to look at the scenery.

Yorkshire.

# Paris, March 28. — Some 50,000 people have joined the French Communist Party in the first three months of 1977, setting a record Milan chaos angers

TENERIFE AIRPORT

the parallel taxiway.

Communists claim

record recruitment

mail firms From Patricia Clough

Rome, March 28 The president of the Italian tion of mail order firms,

The postal services in Milan have been paralysed for about a month, first by a ministry ban on overtime and then by a staff decision to work strictly according to the outdated and inadequate post office rules.

inadequate post ornce rules.

In a large advertisement in the Corriere Della Sera of Milan, Signor Sanfelice pointed out that business worth many billions of lire was being held up, and the jobs of hundreds of mail order workers were in danger simply because the staff were sticking to the regulations.

Signor Sanfelice begged for a reply "preferably by runner." "Despite ambushes, it is the safest way," he said.

#### More sign Lome convention

Brussels, March 28
Membership of the Lome trade, aid and cooperation convention between the European Community and developing countries in Africa the Caribpean and the Pacific rose to 52 today. Papua New Guinea and two

former Portuguese colonies, Sao Tome-Principe and the Cape Verde Islands signed agreements with the EEC here today.

# Unctad talks disappoint Third World weeks ago, to start drafting an industrialized states, the Geneva agreement on the proposed com-talks on the common fund had mon fund.

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (Unctad) held here, conference

Rome, March 28.-The Pope

today received in private audience Dr Garrett Fitz-Geraid, the Irish Foreign Minister.—AP.

blocked negotiations through dilatory tactics, according to the

Hard bargaining on the fund, which would be used to finance reserve buffer stockpiles of commodities, would probably begin later in the year after the North-South dialogue which is due to resume in Paris at the end of May.

regulate and stabilize world tries, said the commodity markets and prices study the proto give Third World states betit tomorrow. on their exports of raw materials to industrialized countries.

integrated programme covering 18 commodities. Its aim is to ter and more assured returns The conference sources quoted Mr Alaxas as saving that establishment because of the tactics of the fund.—Reuter.

breakdown of the conference, which concludes at the weekend, the Group of 77 was tabling a draft proposal calling for the fund's objectives, purposes and other features to be "further elaborated and negotiated not later than November 1977." The proposed \$6,000m elaborated and negotiated not (£3,530m) common fund is the central feature of an Unctad Mr Gordon Barass, the British delegate, speaking on behalf of Western industrialized coun-Western industrialized countries, said that his group would study the proposal and reply to

Mr Akatas also asked the EEC to give details of the decision taken by its Rome summit on Saturday favouring the establishment of a common

# **EEC receives Portugal's** membership application

European capitals, to Dr David Owen, the British Foreign Secretary and present chair-man of the EEC Council of Ministers. Ministers.

It was handed over by Senhor Antonio de Siqueira Freire, the Portuguese Ambassador to the EEC, to Sir Donald Mariand, who is president of the Brussels committee of permanent representatives of EEC states.

This opinion should be ready by January 1978, at the latest, opening the way for the start

of entry negotiations some time later next year.

The Community is already involved in negotiations with the Greeks and could well be faced with an application for membership from Spain before the year is out. The full implication of tracks and could be specified to the second seco cations of further enlargement have yet to be seriously

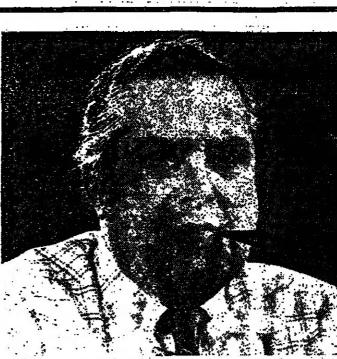
#### Mexico restores diplomatic links with Spain

Mexico City, March 28.— Mexico and Spain today agreed to renew diplomatic relations after a 38-year break, the Foreign Ministry announced

here.
Señor Marcelino Oreja, the
Spanish Foreign Minister, and
Señor Santiago Roel, Foreign
Minister of Mexico, agreed to the renewal during talks in Paris today, he said. Spain and Mexico broke relations after Franco's victory in the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War.

#### French trawlers in port protest

Le Havre, March 28.— Several dozen French trawlers blocked the entrance to the port of Le Havre today in protest against the mounting pollution of fishing grounds off Normandy.



Mr John Silkin striving for 20p a Ib butter subsidy.

From David Cross Brussels, March 28

As the Community's farm As the Community's farm price negotiations went into their fourth consecutive day, it became clear that Britain's main strategy as in past years was to offset as far as possible food price increases resulting from any pay award for the Community's nine million farmers.

Not surprisingly, Britain's partners are extremely cool

towards the idea of subsidizing British consumers out of EEC funds. The West Germans, who contribute the lion's share of

Mr Kenneth Parkinson, are of conversations within the White House Oval Office. If released, the tepes would let the public hear for the first time the voices of Mr Nixon and the Watergate figures discussing the scandal. They would hear the tones and inflections In return for the butter sub-sidy, the British are likely to accept a modest devaluation of the so-called green pound, in which their farm prices are calculated. They would prob-ably also have to swallow an increase of at least 3 or 4 per cept for continental dairy. of wice used by each man. Filing suits last year to have the tapes released were Warner farmers, in spite of their ear Communications. National Broadcasting Co, American Broadcasting Co, CBS, The Public Broadcasting Service and the Radio Television News

# mitted a proposal to a district judge, Mr John J. Sirico. envisaging the national archives

selling one-hour tape casettes. Included in the price would be complete transcript. If Judge Sirica approves, and the bigh court extrees to the release, a full set of the tapes containing about 20 hours of White House conversations could be bought for about \$100 (about £58). —AP. Leading article, page 17"

**OVERSEAS** 

court ruling

Washington, March 28.—The United States Supreme Court agreed today to hear former President Nixon's arguments against the release for public use of 30 White House tape recordings played during the Watergate cover up trial of his top advisers.

Mr Nixon's appeal asked the

court to overturn a decision by the circuit court of appeals in Washington that the tapes "are no longer confidential" and that copies may be released to the public.

The former President's argu-

ments in the lower court were overwhelmed by those of the

three main television networks.

a public television service, a

news directors' association and a recording company which want the tapes made available.

In a decision last October,

the circuit court rejected Mr. Nixon's arguments that the tapes' release would invade his privacy and prove embarrassing to him. "The embarrassment Mr. Nixon fears it not republication of highly personal

natters", the court said. ...

The tapes, transcripts of which were highly publicized during the Watergate trial of Mr John Mitchell, Mr H. R. Haldeman, Mr John D. Ehrlichman, Mr Robert Mardian and

Directors' Association.

Warner indicated an inten-

tion to reproduce the tapes as gramophone records and

Attorneys for Mr Nixon

argued that such reproductions would be "played at cocktall

parties and in satiric produc-tions, and . . be exploited in any other fashion ".

Mr. Nixon's attorneys also srgued that release of the tapes could prove harmful to Mr Mirchell, Mr Haldeman and Mr

Ehrlichman, who are appealing against their Watergate convictions.

On January 11, attorneys for

the networks and other com-

Watergate

tapes sale

awaits

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# New human rights group attacked

Warsaw, March 28.—The Polish Communist Party daily Trybuna Ludu today de-nounced a new human rights movement here as anti-Polish, and accused its members of blind servility to foreign and communist centres

The announcement et weekend press conference that a movement for the defence of human and civil rights had been formed drew a

He described an appear-which the movement issued for information on alleged human rights violation in Poland as a manifestation of ill-will, ordinary faisification and poli-tical humanistance.

Three of the 16 signatories are members of the unofficial

to some other western leaders.

The editor took particular exception to an allegation in the new movement's appeal that Polish laws were out of line with the 1943 United Nations Human Rights Deckaration and the international covenants on human rights which Poland ratified on March 3.

The article said it would be difficult to find a country which had been as active at the United Nations as Poland in the field of human rights. Poland had drafted many of the basic articles of the covenants, it added.

Signatories of the appeal have

# A fairly high proportion of non-motorway addicts, like this correspondent, are old enough to remember those routes in the bad old days when your view was confined to the tailboard of the lorry in front with an occa-sional heart-stopping dash to overtake when momentarily you had a glimpse of a bit of straight road ahead with nothing on it coming the other way. Those were the routes on which you sometimes became snowbound, returning home eventually with dramatic travellers' tales of digging, trudging

**Decision in Hosenball** case likely today

By Stewart Tendler Home Affairs Correspondent Judgment is expected today in the Court of Appeal on the appeal by Mr Mark Hosenball, the American journalist, against the decision to deport him.

on foot, taking shelter, if you were lucky, in delectable places like Nont Sarah's, a public house named by a previous owner after the aunt who lent him the money to buy it. Some-

The court was told that a minister's statement in the Commous on deportations for rea-sons of national security could not be "elevated into a state-ment of rights". Mr Harry Woolf, for the Home Office, told Lord Denn-ing, Master of the Rolls, and two other judges that a state-ment by Mr Reginald Maudling, as Home Secretary, in 1971, on representation procedures for

certain types of deportation could not be considered as any form of legislation.

Mr Hosenball's counsel has argued that the statement laid

down that a prospective deportee such as Mr Hosenball would be given, as far as possible, the details of the alkegarious against him But Mr Hosenball had never been told anything other than broad

allegations.
Mr Woolf said the Immigra tion Act, 1971, was intended to take away a form of appeal for people facing deportation for matters of national security. matters of national security.
The statement made by Mr
Maudling made it clear the form
of representation of representation was set up without any intention that courts could be brought in. Decisions on what information could be given to a deportee must be in the hands of the Home Secretary in a case such as Mr Hosenball's Mr Woolf

said: "In matters of national security it must be for the Home Secretary to decide."

#### Decisive win for Scots pair in bridge contest

By Our Bridge Correspondent By Our Bridge Correspondent
More than '400 pairs of players
contested the mixed players bridge
championship, organized by the
British Bridge League, for the
Portland Club Cup on Saturday
and Sunday. The hands were
duplicated and played similtaneously at three places in England, Ilkley, Droitwich and London, and one in Scotland, North
Berwick, the scoring being done
over the telephone.

M. White and Mrs C. Gray, of

M. White and Mrs C. Gray, of Scotland, scored an overwhelming win by 250 points over Dr and Mrs A. P. Souter, of Nottinghamshire, who were 128 points ahead of the third. of the initial.

1. M. White end Mrs C. Gray (Scotland). 14,865; 2. Dr and Mrs A. F. Souter (Nottinghumshire), 13,616; 5. S. Fishpool and Mrs A. Saunderg (London). 12,487; 4. R. J. Baker and Mrs J. Marks (Biedfordshire). 14,484; 5. M. Innes and Miss M. Malcoim (Scotland). 14,395; 6, M. K. Tedd (Wales) and Mrs L. Hayes (Oxford). 12,313; 7. R. D. Bretherion and Mrs S. Flaris (Borishire) and Buckinghamhire: 12,320; 8, M. M. S. L. Hayes (Worldshamhire). 14,320; 8, M. M. S. L. Hayes (Worldshamhire). 14,320; 8, M. M. S. L. Hayes (Worldshamhire).

Geneva, March 28.—Develop-ing countries called today for detailed bargaining to start by November on a projected com-modity financing fund. They apparently abandoned hope for substantive discussions at the

Vatican visit by

Irish minister

yesterday to complain about the postal chaos in Milan. It was pointless to continue sending his protests by post, because his letters obviously never arrive, he said.

Mr Ali Alacas, the Indonesian delegate speaking for the Group of 77 linking more than 100 Asian, African and Latin American states, complained that the industrial line.

He was quoted as saying that Third World countries were deeply disappointed and frus-trated at the failure of the con-

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, March 28

Portugal today lodged a formal application for membership of the European Community, to which it is linked at present by an agreement on free trade. ment on free trade.

The request was addressed by Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, who recently completed a tour of

Sir Donald told the ambassa-dor that the application was an important event for the

future of Portugal and Europe". Foreign ministers of the Nine would discuss it at their next meeting in Brussels on April 5.

Under the Rome treaty, the next step is for Mr Jenkins, the President of the European Commission, and his colleagues to prepare an advisory opinion on the economic, political and institutional implications of Portuguese membership, both for Portugal and for the EEC.

This opinion should be ready

# Podgorny communiqué reaffirms Soviet backing for three main southern Africa liberation groups

From Nicholas Ashford Lusaka, March 28

President Podgorny of the Soviet Union today held a threehour meeting with the leaders of three of the principal nation alist liberation movements in southern Africa.

The meeting with Mr Joshua Nkomo, head of the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) and joint leader of the Patriotic Front alliance, Mr Sam Nujoma, president of the South-West Africa People's Organization (Swapo), and Mr Oliver Tambo, the external leader of the African National Congress of South Africa (ANC), took place behind closed doors in the heavily guarded Soviet Embassy

Afterwards, a beaming Mr Nkomo told reporters that he was "very happy with what was discussed ".

A communiqué approved by the three nationalist leaders and the Soviet President was issued but gave little information. However, observers saw the meeting chiefly as a reaffirmation of Soviet support for the three nationalist groups all supplied with Soviet arms, rather than as a discussion of matters of substance.

The communiqué confirmed the Soviet Union's solidarity

with the struggle of the peoples of South Africa, Namibia (South-West Africa) and Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) against the "colonial racist yoke", for freedom, national independence

and equality.

The Soviet leader also stated that the Russian people would in future "permanently support the just struggle of the fighters for the liberation of southern

Just as the meeting was starting the Rev Ndabaningi Sirhole, a rival Rhodesian nationalist leader, held a press conference at which he denounced the support given by the five front line states to the Patriotic From. No country or group of countries had the right to predetermine the leadership of the people of Rhodesia, he

Mr Sithole, a veteran black mr simple, a veteran brack nationalist politician and for years the principal rival of Mr Nkomo, insists that he is still the leader of the Zimbabwe But Mr Robert Mugabe, the other joint leader of the Patriotic Front, is now widely accepted as being the head of

Zanu. Mr Sithole said Mr Mugabe was "2 rebel who is being used to destroy and divide Zanu and undermine the armed struggle".

dents decided last January to give exclusive backing to the Patriotic Front, Mr Sithole has been trying to canvass African support for his organization. During the past six weeks he has visited 10 West African countries, as well as Zaire and Uganda, and claims that many are prepared to back him when the matter comes before the Organization of African Unity

Organization of Arrican Unity (OAU). It is becoming increasingly clear that the question of which Rhodesian netionalist organiza-tion the 'OAU is prepared to support is still far from resolved. Both Mr Sithole and Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the leader of the African National Council, still have many friends

A recent meeting of the OAU foreign ministers in Lome decided to shelve the issue. It will now be discussed at the forthcoming OAU summit in Libreville, where it threatens to divide the organization as deeply as did Angola a year

Mr Sithole has ruled out any Mr Sitbote has ruled our any posibility that he might even-tually join the Patriotic Front. "It is born of evil and has evil intentions", he said. "I could never associate myself with such a thing."

# Alert in Soweto after shooting by police

From Our Correspondent Johannesburg, March 28 rom Our Correspondent church service organized to Johannesburg, March 28 mark the end of "heroes' The police were on the alert week" to mourn people killed in Soweto tonight after a scrious clash yesterday with demonstrating schoolchildren in which the police opened fire.

After earlier denials of any shooning, Brigadier Jan Visser, the police chief of Soweto, said Assemblies Act, but the police codes that the desired with the reference to have been exclavative to how the chief and in Last year's riots.

The gathering was in defiance of emergency laws barring gatherings and promuls and product that the police was the codes when the codes were action until 500 echools. today that the police had had to fire about six warning shors when they broke up a crowd of several hundred school-children outside a YMCA building in the Orlando East

strict of Soweto.

There were no reports of that the police had opened fire casualcies but 37 blacks were arrested. They appeared in court in Sowero, some in tears, today and were remanded in custody until Thursday on charges of public violence.

gated under the Riotous Assemblies Act, but the police took no action until 500 school-children marched to the children marched to the YMCA building and, according to some reports, began taunting them.

without warning.
Accounts of what occurred are impossible to verify independently. The authorities have reverted to issuing passes for white journalists to enter Soweto valid only for the day. The police swoop came after soweto valid only for the day. about 2,000 schoolchddren had turned up at an open-air cessible at weekends.

#### Dr Owen's busy schedule in southern Africa

The arrangements for Dr David Owen's tour of southern Africa, from April 10 to 16, have now been completed. The Foreign Secretary will see Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, and Mr Smith, the Rhodesian Premier, in separate meetings in Cape Town on April 13. If it seemed useful, presumably all three leaders could confer together, Dr Owen bas a tight sche-dule beginning with Dar es Salaam, where his talks open on April 11. He spends the next day in Maputo, where he may see Mr Mugabe and other Rhodesian nationalist leaders is well as President Machel before going on to Cape Town
After his talks with Mr
Vorster and Mr Smith, which
are the centrepiece of his tour, he flies to Baberone on April 4, having spent the night in Johannesburg. His last stop will be at Lusaka on April 15

# SW Africa poll on independence

Johannesburg, March 28
Whites in the ruling
National Party in South-West
Africa (Namibia) are expected
to vote tomorrow on whether to hold a referendum over con-stitutional proposals for the

in Windhoek, the so-called Turnhalle talks, that a racially-mixed interim government be set up to guide the territory to full independence by December 31, 1978

Black delegates at Turnhalle Pastor Cornelius Mijobs, leader of the Ovambos, who form more than 40 per cent of the population, said: "It is a white exercise and it's entirely up to them what they decide, but whatever the outcome, the interim government will be

army units have reportedly withdrawn from Mutsharsha,

the regional command head-

quarters in western Shaba pro-

vince from which operations

Though Government spokesmen here stuck to previous denials of the town's capture,

missionary, railway, mining and

unofficial military sources said

that Mutsbatsha came under

shelling on Friday night and

that the Zaire forces retreated

The Government here was to

have flown foreign journalists

to the town on Sarurday, to

show it was still under Zaire's

control but the trip was can-

celled at the last minute because of what a military spokesman called "inclement

weather".

The mwn had been the we

ern-most point held by Zaire along a rail spur and road from the mining centre of Kolwezi to the region now under the Katangans' control. It was reported lest mask that Tairo

reported last week that Zaire troops had been massing in Kolwezi, preparing to launch a counter-offensive against the

If Mutshatsha is now in the hands of the Katangans, they are only 100 miles from Kol-

wezi, where the giant Geca-mines copper company has its mines. The mineral wealth of Shaba province accounts for 70

per cent of the foreign exchange earnings of Zaire and

Gecamines accounts for nearly 70 per cent of this share. There are 4,000 Europeans in

Catholic missionaries here reported on the basis of radio communications with Kolwezi,

that the city was calm. None thee less, the fall of Mutshatsha

would be a devastating blow both to Zaire's Army and to the continuing rule of Presi-dent Mobutu Sese Seko, who has sought to convey the im-

Kolwezi, mostly Belgian.

against Katangan

were coordinated.

to the east.

Katangans find support in

Kinshasa, March 28.—Zaire pression—at least for internal consumption—that the invasion from Angola 18 days ago was a serious but manageable threat.

advance on mining town

invaders

established and independence will be achieved by the dead-line agreed at Turnhalle."

that South-West Africa's representation in the South African Parliament—five MPs and one al4 should end soon. But there is likely to be bitter debate about the future of the South-West African Legislative Assembly, now consisting of 18 members,

all Nationalists. National Party leaders are believed to favour an over-whelming "Yes" vote in the referendum and they are confident they can persuade the rank and tile to accept it.

In fact, the deliberate

gents has given great weight to the assessment of diplomatic sources who say that the Zaire

Army is poorly trained, poorly paid, poorly fed and highly dis-organized. Bolstered by the support of at least some of the

people of Shaba, the invaders seem to have consolidated their control of the areas they have taken. They are reported to have established administra-

tive centres and are said to be distributing food in the region.

By contrast, there are unconfirmed but widely believed stories that Zaire troops, who are paid as little as \$20 (£12)

a month, are stealing food, deserting or even going over to

Observers consider it unlik

ely that the Katangans will move suddenly on Kolwezi it is presumed they may first seek to consolidate public opinion in the area so that their actions could be represented as a popular uprising

sented as a popular uprising from within Zaire.

So far, the only confirmed battle was at the crossroads village of Kasaji more than

two weeks ago where Zaire units were ambused and badly mauled, reportedly suf-fering as many as 200 casual-

What the intentions of the Karangans may be is a topic of continuous diplomatic speculation here. They have declared in broadcasts on seized mis-sionary radios that they want

to bring down President Mobutu There are indications

that the diverse exiled opponents of Mr Mobutu in

Paris and London have met to coordinate activities against the Kinshasa Government. But

diplomats of long service here, recalling the years of chaos

and power struggles following independence in 1960, view reports of a unified opposition with some scepticism. New York Times News Service.

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line agreed at Turnhalle."

The congress of the National legitimate political association party of South-West Africa, inside South-West Africa, is inhowever, is also to discuss its creasing its guerrilla offensive federal links with the National against South African troops in South Africa and the from across the Angolan According to some to noid a renerendum over constitutional proposals for the likely outcome is that it will border. According to some likely outcome a South-West a straight "Yes" or "No" to the proposals made at the multi-racial constitutional talks in Windheak the south-West African party with only the leaders in South-West Africa, Swapo plans to open a cammulti-racial constitutional talks in south-West African party with only the leaders in South-West Africa, Swapo plans to open a cammulti-racial constitutional talks in also likely to decide paign of terror against South African troops from across the Angolan white political and the border. According to some military and white political states in South-West African troops from across the Angolan states and the states are stated to give the state of the states and the states are stated to give the states and the states are stated to give the stated paign of terror against whites in the principal urban centres of the territory

Nationalists-

African People's Organization (Swapo), which operates as a legitimate political association

Swapo's internal wing held a congress in Windhoek at the weekend at which it decided to try to stop the interim government being established. It offered to "talk to the South African Government on South African Government on the transfer of power to Nami-bians", but while its precondi-tions were considerably weaker than previous demands, it is felt unlikely that the Vorster Government, at this stage, will consider them to be negotiable.

events, would be reviewed to give heightened priority to rural needs and reflect the Delhi, March 28 India's coalition Government promised, when the new Lok Sabha (the Lower House of Mr H. M. Patel, the Finance Minister, did however sound a first note of caution on the Parliament) met for the first time today, to take legislative action to restore the balance between the people, Parlia-ment, the judiciary, and the executive after "the traumatic experience of the past two Government's economic think-

derer's dream.

President Jatti said that the election marked "an important milestone in the evolution of

Reporters in the press gallery

assured they can report Parlia-

ment honestly again—recalled the dark days of the emergency

with the Opposition benches almost empty because the MP's had einter been detained or

ing trend in prices and to usher in a period of reasonable price stability, the Government are of the firm view that financing of public expend-iture in a manner which would years."

To do this a comprehensive measure would be presented to Parliament later this year amending successive changes so that the balance would once again be "that the founding fathers of our constitution had generate inflationary pressures should be eschewed", he said. The minister was speaking before a vote on account. The budger for the year ending March 31 prepared by Mrs Gandha's Government, showed a deficit of 4,450m rupees (about £296m).

Promise to restore

India's constitution

This pledge was given in an address read by acting President Jatti and setting out the broad programme of the new Jansta (People's) Party-Congress for Democracy Government.

From Richard Wigg

The Government said that family planning in India had received a serious serback from the compulsory sterilization campaign last year.

"Family planning will be pursued vigorously as a wholly related to the compulsory and the pursued vigorously as a wholly related to the computation of the computa our democracy into a healthy two-party system". It was un-doubtedly Parliament's day, almost a festive occasion with many eager new members and new ministers dressed in their best with so much whiteness around as to satisfy any launvoluntary programme vital for the welfare of the nation." The Government also promised to ensure that All-India

On economic policy, where the new administration faces considerable popular expec-tations, the main election promise to eradicate destitution within 10 years was confirmed as government policy. It would give priority to the development of agriculture and of small and comage industries

had either been detained or boycotted the proceedings.

Mr Brijlal Verma, who was out of Delhi on Saturday, was sworn in today as Minister of Industry, together with Mr Jagiavin Ram, Mr H. N. Bahu-guna, Mr George Fernandes and Mr Raj Narain, in rural areas.
The present five-year plan (1974-79), much buffeted by

#### The man who defeated Mrs Gandhi gives a warning about women in politics who 'go devilish'

New York, March 28.—Mr views after the experience of Morarji Desai, the newly women prime ministers in Sri elected Indian prime Minister, thinks women should stay out of politics, according to an interview in Times magazine.

"Women on the whole have better, softer qualities than men, and on the whole they do not go as devilish as men. But when a woman becomes devilish, she bears all records. No man can equal her ", he said.

In the past he was "the greatest champion of women and put more women in legistatures than anyone else." But, he said, he had changed his Minister of Britain, let m you that."

Of Mrs Gandhi, whon Mr Desia said: "Now I c say that she is all devil nothing good. But the go suppressed and the devilop.

"If you ask me what accomplished in 10 yet don't know. I will have think about it."—Reuter.

Of Mrs Gandhi, whom he succeeded as Prime Minister, Mr Desia said: "Now I cannot say that she is all devil and nothing good. But the good is suppressed and the devil on

Lanka, India and Israel. He added: \* And (Mrs Mar-

garet) Thatcher will be the same if she becomes Prime Minister of Britain, let me tell

years have

# Bhutto offer to lift the emergency

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Mr Cyrus Vance, the American Secretary of State (left), begins his first round of talks with Soviet leaders in Moscow

yesterday. Opposite Mr Vance is Mr Brezhnev, the party chief, with Mr Gromyko, the Foreign Minister, alongside him.

From Our Correspondent
Rawalpindi, March 28
Mr Bhutto, the Prime Minister, today offered to lift Pakistan's seven-year-old state of emergency, free political pri-soners and relax press restrictions if the Opposition agreed to end its campaign of agitation against the Government and returned to the National

ssembly. He made the offer in his ddress to the National Assembly after being sworn in for a ment was prepared to set up second term as Prime Minister, election tribunals, with High stating that he was prepared to Court judges appointed as start a dialogue with the Oppotheir chairmen, to ensure a sition within the framework of judicious investigation of the stating that he was prepared to start a dialogue with the Oppo-sition within the framework of the constitution.

But the 35 National Alliance MPs refused to take their seats in the Assembly in which Mr Bhutto's ruling Pakistan People's Party has 155 seats.

Opposition has refused to recognize the validity of the March 7 elections, claiming officers attending the swearing that they were rigged.

Mr Bhutto said he was pre- all knew that there was conclu-

pared to wipe the slate clean. The right place to discuss the election and post-election issues was the Assembly. He added that his Govern-

alleged election irregularities. Although Mr Bhutto's speech was conciliatory in tone, he accused an unnamed Opposi-tion leader of having been intion leader of having been in- years ago, which was simply a volved in an attempted coup parting of ways for friends.

Many Opposition leaders, in against the Government in cluding Air Marshal Asghar 1973, when some Army and Air Khan, are still in jail. The Opposition has refused to were tried and jailed. Mr Bhutto turned to the three service chiefs and other

> sive evidence of Opposition involvement in the incident.
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> The Prime Minister went on to say that he did not believe Opposition boasts that they had received financial support from unnamed foreign countries to defeat him in the elec-

He said he could not visual. ize any country that would want to oppose him. He ruled out Britain despite his decision to leave the Commonwealth six

the proliferation of nuclear

weapons through the diversion of peaceful techniques.

Already sharp disputes have arisen with West Germany and

France over their proposed export of plants with repro-cessing facilities that could

make plutonium for weapons.

Japan, too, is unhappy with Mr Carter's wish to review

that the Administration favoured building more con-ventional nuclear plants, while

restraining development of plu-

tonium facilities. He opposed both the separation techniques

not yet in commercial opera-tion here, by which plutonium

can be reprocessed from spent uranium, and to fast-breeder reactors which produce plu-

tonium as a by-produce plu-tonium as a by-product.

He did not express total opposition to breeder reactors, but he said that the Administration is seeking "a different set of breeder technologies" that would not produce plu-

uranium supplies. Dr Schlesinger

#### Spectators clash Carter policy to oppose with royal tour protesters

Perth, March 28.—Scuffles broke out as angry spectators tore down banners held by some 30 anni-royalist demonstrators during an enthusiastic welcome for the Queen here

The Oueen and the Duke of Edinburgh appeared to be un-aware of the incidents which took place at the back of a cheerful crowd of 6,000 people lining an esplanade where the royal couple walked.

Later, during a speech by the Queen, one demonstrator raised a banner calling for an end to the Government of Mr Malcolm Fraser. About a dozen protesters were grouped around the banner and several punches were thrown before the banner was torn down to loud cheers which briefly drowned out the Queen's voice. The Queen returns to Britain

on Wednesday after seven weeks during which she has visited Samoa, Fiji, Apia, New Zealand, and New Guinea as well as Australia.—Reuter.

#### Sailor trying to see Queen falls

Perth, March 28.—A British seaman was seriously injured when he fell to the deck of the Royal Navy supply ship Grey Rover after clambering up the funnel to watch the Queen's arrival in Fremantle harbour today.

today.
Able Seaman William Witts. aged 31, from Weymouth, was admitted to hospital suffering from a severe chest injury and fractured bones in a foot—

# 'the plutonium economy' Mr Carter has come out pas-sionately against the risk of

From Fred Emery Washington, March 27

President Carter, in his energy policy statement next month, is expected to make clear his Administration's dis-like of "fast-breeder" reactors, which produce weaponsgrade plutonium, and its approval of conventional nuclear power plants.

Sharp opposition to plutonium economy Was expressed here at the weekend by Dr James Schlesinger, the President's adviser, who will head the proposed Department of Energy.

Mr Carter's policy is generating increased discussion as awareness dawns that he will be asking for sacrifices all round to conserve energy—or at least limit American profil-

Proposals are being aired for high taxes on big cars with high petrol consumption, and rebates for those who purchase Mr Carter is saying that he

expects his popularity ratings in the opinion polls to drop by up to 20 per cent after the But it is in the nuclear field that the greatest probability exists for quarrels with allies.

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Seven die as police fight cattle rustlers

Nairobi, March 28.-A Kenyan police officer and six five were taken to hospital when rival tribes clashed with cettle rustlers from Ethiopia were killed in a gun fight on bows and arrows and axes in remote provinces of New Guinea, police said.—Reuter. Kenya's border with Ethiopia at

Tribal clash kills 3 in New Guinea Port Moresby, March 28.— Three people were killed and

Schlesinger's

the weekend,

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# Mayor of New York's Maronites anti-pornography drive meets setback

From Peter Strafford New York, March 28 : Pornography is a subject that arouses strong emotions in you do not hang somebody.
New York, especially at electron time to time, hear the merits of the case
ideclarations of war are next Monday in court." the darations of war are announced from city hall, and intentions of "cleaning up Times Square" are proclaimed.

that they do not seem to affect the film shows, the live perfor-mances and the bookshops which thrive in the area. This has not daunted Mr Abraham Beame, the Mayor,

twho faces what may well be a difficult reelection campaign fbis year. He sallied forth from his office recently to conduct a direct assault on some of the Sestablishments . . that apparently finds particularly

. Accompanied by officials, police and reporters, he descended on Jax 3-Ring Circus, in East 53rd Street, where three naked girls were dancing on tables. He ordered ir immediately: closed. He dren to the Times Square tarea where summonses were Served on a number of book-sellers, and on five people accused of taking part in "sex

3 Mr Beame said: "We want to focus attention on the need to our this menace. We can make Times Square the great white way it used to be."
"Nor was he put off by sug-lestions that he was just electioneering.

Ti you think as Mayor I'm just going to sit in my office because this is an election

Year, you have another think The effect of Mr Beame's Eestuce was rather spoilt by the fact that only a few hours after he had taped the peremptory vacate order on Jan 3-Ring Circus, the club was been to a judge who overruled

Judge Theodore Kupferman tinues said: "You just cannot close a Square.

place down without hearing the other side. I am sure the Mayor has got his reasons, but

This did not deter Mr Beame. In fact, it gave him a new target. Reopening of Jax 3-Ring Circus, one of the flesh-pors of midrown Manhattan, was an outrageous subversion of the will of the people", he

"For years my administra-tion has been trying to respond to the people's desire that these nuisances be closed and for years the courts have thwarted our attempts to clean up this spreading blight by allowing such places to remain open during the long court proceedings.

proceedings.

The only immediate effect of the Mayor's raid, however, appeared to be more business for the places he had been to. The New York Post quoted one of the waitresses at Jax as saying: "He came in here looking for votes. We do not have any votes in here." She added with a giggle: "We have only gut dancers."

gut dancers." Attempts to get decisive action on pornography from the city's board of estimates have just come to nothing. The plan was to use zoning laws to ban pornography from certain parts of the city. At one point, Mr Beame announced that he would support a proposal to bas "massage parlours" adult cinemas and bookshops, "topless" bars and peepshows from four of New York's five boroughs, allowing

them only in Manhattan. He was told that this was probably unconstitutional. Shortly before the vote, he announced that he would in fact oppose the measure, with the result that it was defeated. Meanwhile, business con-

tiques in and round Times

# keep top army post in Lebanon

Lebanese Government today appointed a new Army commander-in-chief despite protests by the Lebanese right and a bomb attack against Mr Fuad Butros, the Defence and Foreign Munister.

The new commander was then promoted to the rank of Briga-

until the Army disintegrated. mainly Muslim left. Brigadier Khoury is a Maronite, like the in chief of the Army is tradi-

tionally a Marotite. Earlier today, a bomb explosion wrecked the apartment of Mr Burros. He and his family were unhurt but another man in the building was injured, according to Beirut radio.

Right-wingers opposed to the appointment of a new commander in thief, blamed the left for the blast. "The communists did it to try to embarrightist factions for the Phalangist Politica Bureau said the bureau was the only competent body to make such a decision.—Reuter.

Beirut, March 28.—The

The Cabinet issued a decree dismissing General Hanna Saeed and appointing Colonel Victor Khoury in his place.

Brigadier Khoury, aged 48, commanded an armoured corps in Beirut before the outbreak of the civil war. He was then made deputy commander of the northern zone of Lebanon He is known to have kept out of the fighting in which the predominantly Marchite Christian right was locked in a bloody power struggle with the

rass us" a rightist source said.

At the start of today's Cabi net meeting. President Sarkis condemned the bomb attack and said such acts were aimed at obstructing progress towards peace, radio Beirut reported. The right-wing Phalangist Party said it regarded a call by general strike today as a negotive act with which it was in associated. A statement

#### Australia's 'deep north' aware that it now holds some of the strongest economic cards

# Queensland looks to a rosy future

Imagine a state the size of France, Belgium, Holland, Denhiark, West Germany, Switzer-land, Italy and Spain together. Endow it with rich agricultural land, virtually every known mineral resource, and a sungaked coastline of 3,200 miles. opulate it with only two milfrom people and you have, roughly, the state of Queens-land in Australia.

There are not many parts of the world today where almost verything seems to point to a rosy future. Queensland is one of them. It is thus not surprising to discover that the mood in Brisbane, the capital, is very much: "To hell with the rest Australia. Ler's keep as

much for ourselves as pos-sible." To mainly in Australia's two Jurgest cities, Sydney and Mel-pourte, Queensland is still the "deep north" of Australia, a Juant of reactionary provincial roughnecks.

But just as the Deep South of the United States has now produced a President, Queensland, which has its own peanut-growing Premier, knows a bolds many of Australia's strongest economic cards. In the state Covernment's shiny new skycraper, the tayoutite phrase is: "Yeu name k, we're got it." Queens tand produces 95 per cent of Australia's sugar cane, 52 per cent of its tobacco, 54 per cent in its maize, 38 per cent of its meat exports, and virtually all of its tropical fruit.
The mineral wealth is even



Tohannes Bjelke-Petersen: Queensland's outspoken Premier.

more dramatic: about a third. of Australia's vast coal production, almost a half of bauxite and silver, three quarters of copper, and around 35 and 25 per cent respectively of lead and zinc production, Altogether, Queensland accounts for about a quarter of Austra-lia's gross national product. Presiding over this much-

authoritarian Mr. Johannes Bjelke-Petersen, who is 66. He came to Queensland at the age of two from New Zealand.

Mr Bjelke-Petersen has been Mr Bjelke-Petersen has been bitterly. "Secession is not Promier of Queensland since really on, it's only a talking 1968. In 1974 he led his coalipoint. But if Queensland tion, consisting of his own decided to go it alone, it could.

National (formerly Country) Party and the Liberal Party, to a devastating victory over Labour at a time when Mr Gough Whitlam was Australia's Labour Prime Minister.

He embodies the Queens lander's dislike of federal interference, "When people are elected to the central Govern ment, they seem to get a burn-ing desire to spread their influence and activities", he told me in Brisbane recently.

"They think they have the cures for everyone's ills, but they multiply the problems and aggravate the situation." national notoriety. His Govern-ment's best known move intiated in 1974, was to establish through the High Court that the Queen was still Queen of Australia's individual states as well as of the federation.

The move was designed to prevent any future Canberra government declaring a repub-lic and stripping the states of their powers without a referendum.

But the longest-running wrangle is over money. Camberra is seen as a greedy blessed state is Australia's grabber of taxes, taking too most outspoken Premier, the much and giving back too authoritarian Mr. Johannes little, with too many strings. "Federal governments have

become overbearing", an offi-cial in Brisbane commented

# Can discipline and freedom exist side by side in our schools?

Father Patrick Barry, headmaster of Ampleforth College, joins the

great debate' on education

Not long ago I was waiting for a train on York station and found a railway guard doing the same thing. I asked him if he ever had to act as guard on a football special. He did and he told me all about it. He then went on to give me his reflections on the wayward-ness and ill-discipling of the yayward in ness and ill-discipline of the young in

general.

I know why it is", he added. "It's because they don't get clobbered at home when they are young."

To illustrate his point he told me that when he was a lad, if he got up to any mischief, he would be beited by the local copper. And if, he added, when he got home be told his dad that the comper had belted him his dad the copper had belted him his dad would have given him another belting, just to make sure, before asking him why the copper had belted him in the

"If a copper belts a lad now", he went on wistfully, "the parents have the law on him, so the kids can get away with anything. And it's just the same with teachers. Only they are worse, because they encourage the kids to do what they like. And that is what is wrong with the country."

It is sometimes useful to wear a clerical collar. On this occasion it saved me from having to reveal that I am a teacher as well, so that I was able to disengage and join my train. There were a few things on which I wanted to reflect.

The guard's views were familiar, although he had expressed them more picturesquely than most. His was a point of view which seemed to be shared by an increasing number by nomeans confined to fascists and the middle classes. Was there anything in what he said. what he said? He was looking back at a past in which—as he remembered it —everyone knew their place and, if anyone gor out of line, everyone operated to put them right—especially of course if they happened to be young. Of course there were dark sides to the picture, but then there are dark sides to any real picture. It was-in his recollection anyway—an orderly world. If only we could get back to it, wouldn't we be rid of a lot of our troubles and wouldn't everyone be much happier

The view of Selby Abbey came seductively into view, stimulating this train of thought and encouraging me to gaze nostalgically at the glories of the past. Perhaps it was the grime and bleak aconymity of Doncaster that brought me back to reality—that and some of the passengers who joined the train there. But even before that I had begun to feel uneasy about the railwayman's picture and recipe for putting the country right.

With all this "belting" to keep the young in order just how much real con-tact could there be between parents and children—between teachers and pupils? Perhaps it did not matter when society was comparatively rigid and you had to get on or become a casualty at a time when their was not any glamour about being a casualty. The pressures -economic, social, political and religious were so strong that all the incenfives were to keep you in line and there was very little to entice you out of it. Society is much more fluid now and is not so certain of itself. Two wars, a period of illusory affluence, the crisis of power, of pollution of the economy, His battle against Canberra the vacuum of leadership and political has earned him much local and ideological conflicts in the world changeable and divided and so unsure of itself, how can adults claim to impose conformity on the young; and anyway, conformity to what? At Doncaster some teenagers joined the train. They were dressed in regu-

lation jeans and some of them carried formidable looking instruments. They had magazines about pop groups with strange pictures of their idols in various stages of ecstasy. They were totally absorbed in each other and in that other world which was more real, it seemed, to them than the world which was so important to me. I remembered that not long before I had eloquently expounded some of the problems of the world. as I saw it to a group of boys and then asked one of them if he was not anxious about the way things are. "Oh, no," he replied with an engaging smile. "At the moment I am thoroughly happy, There is nothing I can do about all that, and it won't help anyone to make myself unhappy. If the time comes when I can do anything, I etse wo will For the moment I cannot, so I the end.

am not going to make myself miserable Not, perhaps, the most noble of sentiments, but an element of stinging realism. I supposed that the group in the train would have said much the

As I watched them I allowed myself As I watched them I allowed myself to be trapped. Usually I know how to avoid conversation in a train; but watching the young group had put me off my guard and a large man with fuzzy hair and darting eyes had sat down in front of me. He leaned across and said: "I suppose you find them rather baffling." It didn't matter what I replied because that was only the excuse for starting his lecture. excuse for starting his lecture.

He told me that, if I didn't like what I saw I mustn't blame them. They had been failed by the adults—parents and teachers—who should have given them something better to live for than pop stars and pop culture. What had happened, he said, was that since the adult world had given them nothing to identify with they had identified with their "peer group". The world they had embraced was of course an escape world—a world of fantasy and unreality but for them it had powerful attractions especially in the absence of any real communication of other values to them. It wasn't long before he revealed him-self as a child psychiatrist, and he seemed to know all about it. His talk reminded me of a psychiatrist who once tried to explain boxing to me. He had told me that what I had to understand was that the individual boxers were really trying to hit themselves not each other. Once that was grasped everything would be clear.

I was inclined to bow before the storm, but a nice looking man who had sat beside me and who looked as though he belonged to the managerial class wouldn't have it. He was rather on the side of the railway guard at York although a good deal more subtle and not quite so keen on "belting". He had a family whom he found puzzled him increasingly especially under the influence of school. He thought schools were too free and easy and gave them too much liberty and they were far too too much liberty and they were far too large, so that even the teachers who wanted to impose some order and discipline couldn't do so. He certainly thought that something had gone seriously wrong with the ideas of good order and discipline and this didn't apply only to the young. He wasn't a "belter" and he liked children to have reasonable liberty, but it all seemed to have got out of hand. He didn't know much, he said, about education but a teacher friend had told him that the rot had set in with the Plowden Report rot had set in with the Plowden Report and the concept of child-centred education. This seemed to mean that they asked the children what they wanted to do instead of telling them what they

This sparked off the fourth member of the party—a young woman in her early twenties. I never made out whether she was a social worker, a young teacher or just a progressive mother. Anyway she said that the manager had got it all wrong. Children were much happier nowadays than they used to be. The whole concept of an open, happy childhood had been impossible in the bad old days. Children were no longer repressed, they had been, but had a refreshing spontaneity and openness, developing their individua didn't quite please some of the older generation there wasn't any harm in that; in fact ir was rather a good thing. After all, the future belonged thing. Al

The manager said that he didn't mind them showing a bit of individuality, but if it meant that they couldn't spell and couldn't read and couldn't write and couldn't add up, he didn't shink it was the sort of indi-viduality which would be any use to themselves or anyone else.

The young woman gave him a sweet smile and said that she didn't think spelling mattered all that much anyway because she couldn't spell. It didn't seem really to answer his point, but that didn't bother her. She launched out into a lecture on how deprived chikken were when they had to learn things by rote and how much better it was now that the emphasis was on creativity. She thought that if we con-centrated on their creativity everything else would somehow come right in

She was in full flight when we reached. Peterborough and the cathedral came into sight. Was there a conflict between discipline and creativity there, I wondered, as the view of she cathedral was gradually obscured by electric pylons and industrial objects. trial sheds. The manager was flagging and I was trying to think of something and I was trying to think of something to say when I suddenly remembered the story of a little girl of about 12 whose parents moved to a different part of the country so that she had to change schools. After she had been to her new school for about a week, she

change schools. After she had been to her new school for about a week, she came home one day and said to her mother: "I do love my new school because discipline is allowed there." I said that I imagined that the old school had been so progressive that the children could do what they liked with the result that they didn't achieve anything, learn anything or feel that they were getting anywhere. I suggested that it wasn't only by "belting" and rote learning that you could make children frustrated. You can do it very well by giving them no framework of discipline, so that they don't know where they are going or what to aim at. The child psychiatrist jumped in here and said there was something in that. The little girl in the story, he said, had found a new world in her new school—a world in which she actually learned something and had the marvellous sense of achievement which is a better incentive to a child—and indeed to an adult also—than the motivation of force. It was probably due to her previous experience that she appreciated it, but discipline for her, so far from being a means of frustration was in reality a liberation

and a platform for achievement which is the very condition of growth. From there to King's Cross he held the floor, and none of the rest of us had much of a look in. He said that the whole problem was that in bringing up the young we were engaged— parents and teachers—in a balancing act between freedom and discipline. Some thought that everything could be solved by freedom; some that every-thing could be solved by discipline. The truth was that you could have neither without the other and either

given in the wrong way or at the wrong time could be fatal. It was a balancing act—and not just an ordinary balancing act, because the centre of gravity was changing all the time. You had to be adjusting all the time to the age and requirements of individuals and groups as they grew and

Discipline, he said, was absolutely

dereloped.

essential for a child's sense of security. The lack of it led to insecurity and a lack of interest and purpose in life which caused as much trouble as all the repression in the world. He added that discipline should be predictable and consistent, because unpredict-ability and inconsistency led to real insecurity in the young and was more insecurity in the young and was more harmful than anthing else. It should be reasonable also and involve real demands made on children. They had to be demands which they child fulfil but they had to be demands which taxed them but which they were capable of fulfilling.

All this, he said, was quite easy and quite obvious was to the age of about

quite obvious up to the age of about 12 and the onser of adolescence. Up to that age they actually liked being told what to do, provided it was reasonable and consistent. His point v real problems start with adolescence even where there has been what he called resasonable discipline up to then. That the real problems did start then and that they were very real was about the only point on which we all agreed on that journey. . .

He spoke about teenage culture and all the counter attractions which turn youth in on itself and encourage the youth in on itself and encourage the peer group. You couldn't deal with the problems, he said, either by imposing a discipline to caualize them to a defined end nor by giving them liberty and imagining that they would know how to use it. The balancing act was necessary and to determine the balance two factors predominated in his ance two factors predominated in his mind, and he called them identification

and achievement.

By identification he meant that the young had to be able to find some-thing with which they could a identify in some at any rate of the adults with whom they had to deal. They had to be able to appreciate them as persons and accept or respect at least some

Tax concessions

of the values for which they stood.

Even a tenuous response of this nature was beyond price and had to be preserved. If anything was to be achieved, he said, they had to feel that they were valued as persons—in their rights, their individuality and their integrity—themselves. They couldn't be forced from outside. They had to be forced from outside. They had to be won from within.

of course, he went on to say, one of the worst things which can happen is when the process goes into reverse. Adults had to provide the young with ideas, values, ideals with which they could tenuously identify. The process of identification might havolve a good deal of reaction and even revolt, but it had to be there something with identity, significance and some degree of accessibility. To achieve this adults had to be adults; they had to be different. The process went into reverse when they tried to identify with the young themselves. Sympathy and understanding was one thing, but trying to be one of them was quite another. He said that he once had a boy who was a patient and he was trying to persuade him to talk to his father. "I couldn't do that", replied the boy, "he's too busy trying to be my pal." It was the other way that adults could make themselves inaccessible—inaccessible, that is for anything that matters.

His second point—the second factor in the balancing act—concerned achievement. It should, he said be fairly obvious but it was extraordinary how easily it could be missed. The trouble with a lot of teachers was that they did not teach. That was what they were there for and that was the determining factor in their relationship. They had to have something worth while to teach which brought the pupil of an accessible and determined to the second transfer of the to an accessible and desired goal and it had to cost them both something. If a teacher did not actually teach effect-ively—whether it was literature, mathematics or games or fishing or whatever -it did not matter what else he tried to give : he had not given what he was there for and nothing else would work. Wherever you got good teaching you got growth and cooperation. Whereever you got bad teaching you got bore-dom, regression and everything that

The psychiatrist was having it all his own way and the manager came back at him by saying that it all sounded very nice but you couldn't have any of the fine things he was talking about without discipline; so in his opinion discipline had to come first and then you could get on with his bright ideas. The young woman on the other hand said that the only achievement resilving or the theory and perfect freedom was the ideal of human society. So we should give children liberty first and they give children liberty first and they would acquire all the rest when they nature meant them to be.

But the psychiatrist swept all this aside and said that they were not real questions. Discipline was not a thing in itself nor was liberty either. Both were conditions of growth and development and the factors necessary for growth in adolescence were identification and achievement. Liberty and discipline were not the real crux of the matter.

I left the train at King's Cross and we parted. Then I went to the exhibit tion of the treasures of Tutankhamun. You remember the attraction of that exhibition — so irresistible because of combin friend in the museum had arranged for me to jump the queue. I did so rather shamefacedly but found that it was a shamefacedly but tound inat n was a day for school visits. The young were swarming everywhere. I noticed one group that shuffled around listlessly and gaped uncomprehendingly or fought each other. Some hardssed and the state of the state of the manufal weary teachers vainly tried to marshal them. They weren't going to be marshalled. They were doing their own thing. There was another group with notebooks. They obviously had been taught something about it and were eager to identify the objects from the tomb of that ancient unhappy prince. There was only one teacher with them, and they were quite a large group. He was relaxed and unworried but when they called on him to answer questions, he knew the answers.

It suddenly struck me that I had found the man who woud satisfy the railway guard, the manager, the psychiatrist and me. I was nover quite sure about the young woman.

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#### Bomb sabotage fears return to World Cup

From Andrew Tarnowski Euengs Afres, Narch 28

The news at the weekend that the Montonero guerrillas of Argentina will not attempt to sabotage the World Cup finals been year, has been placed in doubt, by the latest guerrilla tracks ttacks here. Seven bombs damaged two fithe largest tourist hotels in

Buenos Aires, a shopping

ttacked such targets. In their statement the Mon-toneros said that, as "men and yomen of the people, we want so see good football like every-ing else". This seemed an de else lus seemen and seemen and de statement from a group. I had a group and the feired Army general who headed the Government's Vorld Cup organizing commit-

# Thailand general accused of shooting loyalist rival Bangkok, March 28.—One of charged with rebellion, preme-

General Chamanand, who is regarded eral Praiong Virapree, saw as one of the powerful figures General Chalard shoot General behind the civilian Govern-Aroon The "critical murder" was mat General Chalard Hiranyasiri and four of his account the killers deliberately squeez
plices would be tried by a miling off one bullet at a time,
fary court. Other officers, politically addition to General Account be investigated in connexion irst time for the past two he investigated in connection tears that the guerrillas have, with the attempted coup, he

said. About 300 soldiers, allegedly led by General Chalard, seized four government buildings in the centre of Bangkok on Saturday, but surrendered later in the day. General Arona Tavatasin was reported. Arona Taxtasin was reported exactly when it would happen to have been killed when he "Instead of shooting at the refused to side with the rebels balloon and making a loud A government spokesman noise, we just pricked it with a said the ringleaders would be small pin, he said.—AP.

Design flaws made quake damage worse

Bucharest, March 28.—Presis prison terms from six months Council for Social and Econodent Ceausesou today alleged to 20 years in case of damage mic. Development, which that "graye shortcomings and boundst about by disregarding opened in Bucharest today, itolations, of design norms," safety-rules.

The meeting is to adopt the collapse of new Today, the earthquake death blocks of flats and public toll stands at 1.570. More than buildings in the March 4 earth. 11:300 were injured and 854 analyse the economic situation and development.

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buildings in the Fierch people are still in hospital. and development make in Remanda.

The called for severe According to unofficial sources Criticizing the collapse of measures, to improve planning more than 2,000 people lost some new buildings, President construction in the build, their lives in the tremors all causestu referred to the over Romania.

A draft law made public yes. The official figures were is the use of heavy structural terday establishes wider norms given by President Ceausescu elements, such as heavy roofs, of responsibility for architects, in a speech at a two-day joint concrete floors and insuffi-The official figures were

buildings ... firms and meeting of the party's Central ciently supported ornamen-

Thailand's senior Army ditated murder and creating officers today quoted witnesses disorder. They would face exeas saying the leader of an cution and would be brought abortive coup on Saturday shot to trial as soon as possible.

General Kriangsak said two of the rebeis' hostages, General Contents. of the rebels' hostages, General Kriangsak, Prasert Thammasiri and Gen-

> tion with General Chalard's group, the two men were known to have had a longstanding personal feud. General Kriangsak said the Government knew a coup had been planned seven or eight

# The Shopping Page

the new Times Weekend Shop Around will feature Sheila Black's shopping column every week, plus

Home Extra, an article on a topical aspect of home improvement, furnishing or decoration. This week the subject will be

Katie Stewart is moving, too. Her cookery column will be published tomorrow and every other Wednesday on this page, and on alternate Saturdays in the

Saturday Review.

spring cleaning.

The best hope for the poor in the Budget today lies in the expected concessions to remove significant numbers from in-come tax liability. But any in-crease in VAT would erode the help from income tax relief, since poor families and pen-sioners have very little margin is moving for spending on anything but Starting on Saturday necessities.

The poor are in the unusual position of having to rely on fiscal measures for help because Government and parliamentary actions last year have strictly limited the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre in other directions. There is little hope that he will do anything to help families through child benefits this year, although he might hint at a better deal next year; and the Government is leaving until the last possible moment any announcement on the next increase in pensions and other social security benefits.

Child benefits are accepted universally as the best method for alleviating family poverty, not least because they are paid to families in or out of work and are not taxed. But it is too late to improve them in time for their introduction in April. Because of the phasing in arrangements, worked out by a joint working party formed after the Government announced that it was reneging on its original proposals, it is unlikely that child tax allow-

ances will be raised in the Child benefits involve a transfer of the child tax allowances paid to the futher to a

### are the only things that will really help the poor cash benefit paid to the mother. the date the new rates were The rates for single people implemented. joint working group involves a complete withdrawal of child tax allowances for children aged

under 11 by April, 1979. There is no indication yet of when the remaining allowances will be withdrawn. But with an agreed formula before him. there is little the Chancellor can do by raising child tax allowances even though it is known that he wants to ease the tax burden on families with children.

There is an outside chance that an increase in child benefits could be made in November. hen most other benefits are

due to rise.

Budgets have traditionally been the vehicle for announcements about pension increases, but that is being denied to the Chancellor this year. The High Court confirmed on Friday that the new method of calculating inflation for the purpose of increasing pensions and other benefits, introduced last year, is correct. Because the method involves forecasting ahead as well as taking into account the inflation rate so far, the Government is delaying until May the announcement, of the nex-

Mr Healey may well take the opportunity to confirm that the increase will take place on Nov-ember 22 and that the Government intends to improve pensions in real terms. That was the stated intention last year, but in the event the pension increase last November only just kept pace with inflation by

There will be greater pressure on the Government to do more than simply cover pensions for inflation, since they have been eroded ever since the November rates took effect. Treasury forecasts at moment suggest that the infla-tion rate will be 13 per cent but there are indications that the Government wants to raise pensions by 15 per cent.

Although Mr Healey will not be announcing the actual level of the next increases, he may

give some indication of the scale of rises the Government intends to announce later on. for a married couple would rise by £3.20 a week to £27.70, and for a single person by £2 to £17.30. At 15 per ceut, the increases would be £3.70, bringing the married pension to £28.20, and £2.30, giving a single pension of £17.60.

Increases on that scale would

give a married unemployed or sick man an extra £2.70 a week at 13 per cent, or £3.20 at 15 per cent, bringing the flat rate benefits up to £23.60 or £24.10. would rise by £1.70 or £2.00 giving a new benefit of £14.60 or £14.90.

Inflation proofing of benefits,

which was introduced last year

for the first time, caused considerable controversy in Novem ber when a series of parliamentary answers showed that it was possible for some families to be better off out of work than in. That was seen as a direct result of benefits being inflation proofed at a rime when wages were severely restricted under the pay policy. That makes it all the more

important for tax concessions to help the lower paid in particular, since they are the group more likely to find themselves better off our of work. Mr Healey is on record as wanting to do something to correct the absurd situation where low paid workers pay income tax. even though their wages are so low that they are christed to the Family Income Supplement which is designed to give cash help to working families with poverty level wages.

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# Hawksmoor's neglected churches

Nicholas Hawksmoor Whitechapel Art Gallery

Paul Overy

The foyer of the Whitechapel Art Goldery was stripped to the original marble during the Richard Long Apparently this was not to inroduce a severe simplicity in accord with Long's work, but because the new glass-fronted screens had not yer arrived. They are now in place and filled with a display of photo-graphs of places of interest in the City and the East End and with maps showing how to get there. Here are pictures of and directions where to find Nich-olas Hawksmoor's great East End churches.

Inside, in the main gallery, an exhibition devoted to Hawksmoor's buildings and drawings, selected by Kerry Downes, author of both the standard (1959) and popular (1969) books on England's greatest architect. There was a large Arts Council exhibiton devoted to Hawksmoor in 1967. large Arts Council exhibition devoted to Hawksmoor in 1962, but no mention is made in the current catalogue of the small but very good exhibition organized by June Roberts at Retford Town Hall which I reviewed at length here in May 1975. It is regrettable that this excellent piece of local this excellent piece of local enterprise (Hawksmoor was born nearby in North Nottinghamshire) was not more widely seen. This might be excusable if the current show was very superior to it, but although larger it is not. While a Hawksmoor exhibition of any kind is very welcome and nowhere better to have it than at the Whitechapel, so close to his great masterpieces, the prehis great masterpieces, the pre-sentation is. I am afraid, unex-citing. This does not matter too much in one way, because the real thing is so close at hand. What is sadder is that no attempt has been made to link the exhibition to the wider issues of urban renewal so essential to the East End. so essential to the East End, and to examine the place that

East Loudon. Hawksmoor is far from Cable Street—great wastes of being a neglected architect, vacant land and, now, brutal Nick Serota writes in his pre-face to the catalogue that he has been "surprised at the warmth of the reaction from artists and architects on learning of our plans for this exhibition." In fact, it is necessary to restrain Hawksmoor's wilder arists and architects on learning of our plans for this exhihas been partially restored, but
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introduction. But if Hawks-

these great majestic hulks of stone should play in a revita-lized human environment in



St. George-in-the-East with bleak barracks

moor's reputation is not neg-lected, his great churches are. our limited funds to be dep-St George in the East is the best cared for. It was bombed thetic rea and gutted in 1941. The exterior has been restored and a starving tactful modern chapel built incountry in side the shell and flats made where the old side galleries were. The place is well looked after and the modern interior seems open at all times during the day and loved. Its gaunt and magnificent exterior rises above the dereliction and desolation of The Highway and housing estates going up.
St Anne, Limehouse, is tattered and difficult to get into.
Christ Church, Spitalfields, has been closed since 1958. It

thetic reasons or for reasons of national pride. In a world starving millions and in country presently so alienated from the truth of the Gospel, we have other far more urgent claims upon our resources." The Church may rightly feel that its money should be spent in direct attempts to alleviate misery. This is done in the crypt of Chrust Church, which has for some years been a refuge for vagrant alcholics—a problem of the Spitablelds area which goes back at least seventy years when it was described by Jack London in People of the Abyss. But if the Church must commit its funds

was built under the Fifty New
Churches Act of 1711. As
Kerry Downes points out in
the catalogue, the scheme was
intended to advance the Established Church and "also reflects the ideals of the Tory party, recently returned to power. . . In areas such as Stepney, where much of a large and growing population was

poor and non-conformist, the

churches were seen as bastions of religious and therefore also indirectly of political stabi-lity." So at the start these magnificent buildings would have been regarded with hostihave been regarded with hosti-lity by the majority of the local population. And right until a few years ago they rode like great stone galleons drarf-ing the smaller residential buildings and workshops of the East End. Now they themselves are overtopped by the great bleak barracks in which Labour heal embarities saw fit Labour local authorities saw fit in the Mineteen Sixties to con-fine the working classes. At least the Tory party of the early eighteenth certary had the wit to commission a great

The photographs are all much the same size and this is one of the main errors of disgiant blow-ups to give the scale of the buildings. It is understandable that old photographs have been included taken before Hawksmoor's work was hemmed in or disfigured with entrances to the Underground, like St Mary Woolnorth. But it is difficult to see why a good modern photograph of the front screen of Queen's College, Oxford, could not have een commissioned instead of the dull and fuzzy print exhibited which seems to date from the Nineteen Fifties. About the only concession to display techniques is the wooden reconstruction of the side gathery doorway of St George-in-the-East, one of Hawksmoor's sculptural masterpieces; but it

is indifferently made and, painted brilliant white, disspaces into the great white space of the gallery with little effect. This is a thoroughly adequate scholarly exhibition of Hawksmoor's work, but for the duration of the

exhibition (which continues until May 1) Christ Church, Spitalfields, will be open on Saturday mornings from 10-00 am to 1.00 pm.

I am glad to see that London

I am glad to see that London Transport have followed up a suggestion of mine, made here at the time of the earlier exhibition. They have produced a leaflet with a map and instructions how to get to the Hawksmoor churches. This and a poster showing St George, Bloomsbury, will be available at about Baster.

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Both regularly throw away good ideas through their relentlessly grassiopper

In gritty, journalistic terms, both occasionally turned up trumps during the weeks under review. Today had a

nice piece of reporting on the war between taxis and mini-

superb piece of investigative journalism on an international business fiddle and its effects

on a northern textile firm.
They produced an equally clever but more light-hearted piece on some Poulson-like phi-

its post office. No attempt was made to set the thing in its

economic context, yet it was on these grounds that the deci-sion was said to have been

produced . 2

# More love than swans

King's, Edinburgh

John Percival

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There is a tendency among producers and viewers of Swan Lake to act as though its most important ingredients were 32 well-drilled swans and the same number of well-turned fouettés. Peter Darrell's new production for Scottish Ballet has swans (but fewer) and fouettés but purs the emphasis there it matters: on the hero's tragic reaching after an impossible love.

Characteristically, Darrell does without the magician and enchanted maidens. His Sieg-fried finds solace from melanfried finds solace from melan-choly in opium, not hunting, the scenes with Odene and the swans being pipe-dreams (shades of Bayadère, where Petipa used the same device). Odile, traditionally a seductive imitation of Odette, becomes a real person, a demi-mondaine whom Siegfried alone fails to see in her real nature; Odette is his idealized vision of her.

The other important change is that Siegfried's bosom friend Benno, played down or elim-inated in recent productions, is made more prominent, both in his own character and as a substitute for Rombart. He comes to resemble Iago, smil-ing plausibly as he introduces Odile or persuades Siegfried m

Odile or persuades Siegfried in try drugs.

The ballet's basic shape is maffected by those changes, but Darrell uses almost the running order of the original score, which brings some transpositions. The most striking is the transfer of the "Black Swan" duet to Act I, where Benno dances it with Odile to dazzle Siegfried with her beauty. Its place as a dance for Siegfried and Odile in Act III is taken by the attractive music, from the appendix to the Moscow score, first popularized by Balanchine.

Sheila Humphreys has staged the traditional lyanov choreography for the laketide scenes and Petipa's pas de trois and "Black Swan" with skill and sensitivity. Thanks to her, this sensitivity. Thanks to her, this production is probably more true to its source in those pas-

sages than an astensibly conventional version such as Festival Ballet's, and thanks to Darrell it makes better dramatic

sense, too.

Darrell's additional duets and solos for the principals are suitably glittering or impassioned as the action requires. He uses the national dances in Act III for the four princesses from whom the queen mother wants Siegiried to choose a bride, His arrangements are unashamedly classical with just hints of national flavour, a style Petipa would have undergrand.

A mid-nineteenth century setting permits Peter Cazaler's handsome designs to have a Victorian gothic manner. It also suits the moral earnestness of a hero who kills himpored the suits him to be a suits of the moral earnestness of a hero who kills himpored the suits him to be a suits of the suits of t self because he has smirched his honour and purity, hence can no longer hope to find ideal love. Paul Tyers has the looks and feeling for the part, but is at present somewhat in-secure in his solos. For bravura dancing he is outshone by Graham Bart, the insidiously commanding Benno to his Steg-

In an afternative cast. Bart plays Siegfried with scarcely less tortured nobility than Tyers, and is well matched by Christian Addams as a sly Benno. For the two leading men, the production offers rewarding scope. The ballerina too has more dancing than usual, but I am not quite sure about the cumulative effect of the changes on the two mirror

Odette, as a vision not a woman, cannot move the spectator with her own plight, tator with her own plight, although her final appearance grieving for the dying Siegfried has an apt pathos. Odile gains from the changes: an attractive woman instead of a vamp, played with quiet charm by Patricia Mervin, and seductive warmth by Elaine McDonald, who is also the more lambent Odette.

Time will tell the belance of gain and loss for this role. For the company as a whole, the production looks good. Packed houses in Edvaburgh suggested that it suits their audience too. It now goes on tour to Aber-deen, inverness, Hull, Wolver-hampton, Southees and Glas-

Anyway, it is acted grandly enough. Nigel Harvers's Nicholas seemed perfect, with his long-tosed, delicate good looks: an innocent, a Candidefigure, and a bit of a wet and a weed in the bargain. Squeers was good too and also his daughter, Miss Fanny (Isabelle Amyes), all wall-eye and flirtation. One looks for the bubbling vitality, that demoned energy which Dickens gives his characters, and especially gives

characters, and especially gives it to them in Nicholas Nicklaby,

Peter Bourke's Smike

something else. Smike is the half-witted starveling, the dogs-body of Dotheboys Hall, and Mr Bourke's performance brought in a touch of reality.

Dickens wrote this to reform such schools, the novel caused a sensation; it was like when Cathy Come Home appeared on the old BBC Wednesday Play

and shook the nation's con-science about the homeless.

Mr Bourke's Smike punc-tured the jolly bubble which television makes of Dickens. One could not, of course, make

a social document out of Nicholas Nickleby today, but without Smike I got the impres-

# Dickens by numbers just plain tired, when it comes to Dickens. The stritude sppears to be: "We've always done it so wall this way in the past; why change a winning style?"

Nicholas Nickleby

Stanley Reynolds

So adept is the BBC at translatso adept is the BBC at translat-ing Dickens to the screen that it could do it in its corporate sleep. Indeed, it often seems to sleepwalk through a series like the new Nicholas Nickleby which started on BBC 1 last

which started on BBC I last evening at five.
Of course, television never quite gets Dickens. The voice of the author is missing; and in Dickens's case it is a very important voice. But a six part series composed of 55-minute episodes is a good long time in which to tell a story and was disappointed that Hugh Leonard, that very gifted writer, opted for a swift entrance to the real plot, leaving out that first chapter in which Dickens tells of the boyhood of Nicholas's father, his financial downfall, and the early grounding in capitalism which Nicholas's uncle Ralph received at school lending money at "two pence for every halfpenny."

It is not the critic's function to rell an author how in do it. opted for a swift entrance to the

to tell an author how to do it, but I would have liked a more leisurely opening, perhaps even a touch of a nervator's voice to establish the dog-car-dog world that Uncle Raiph, played by Derek Godfrey, and Squeers (Derek Francis) live in. The BBC seems timorous, if not

Change of theatre for 'Wild Oats' piece on some Poulson-like philatelic goings-on in the Channel Islands. They came up with important stories on Ulster and the Shetland, and they screened (after fending off legal attempts to prevent it) a riveting piece about sabre-carrying thugs in Glasgow (though this was, in the event, regrettably brief).

But in journalism, as in life, the heart should not be allowed utterly to rule the head: some reports I watched settled too easily for cosy indignation. There was Today's piece about the home counties village which was about to lose its post office. No attempt was The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of Wild Oats pany's production of win outstransfers to London's Piccadilly Theatre on April 13. The play received its first production this century when it opened at the RSC's Aldwych Theatre on December 14, 1976.

sion the characters might sud-denly burst into song. What Manchester

sees today ...

The Library Theatre Company from Manchester are to visit the Cottesioe Theatre of the new National Theatre-from May 10 for one week—in their new musical, Sell-out, by Roger Smith and Tom Kempinski.

# Care, concern and righteous indignation

Nationwide BBC 1

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Michael Church

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der's olympian phone-in, pre-ceded by Tuesday's olympian consultation in Downing Street splendour, was a clinching con-firmation of the importance of this slot.

Yet the irony of the matter is that although Middle Britain is that although Middle Britain is watching, its capacity for concentration is apparently considered, by the programme planners at least, to be at its absolute nedir. For the herassed mothers, the restive children and the weavy men, three-and the weavy men, three-and four-minute items are the sta-ple diet, with anything (bar-ring Jim) over 12 minutes long ring Jim) over 12 minutes long being a dangerous anathema. After three weeks of watching these programmes in a desultory way, and two of more intense concentration—Nationwide last week, Today the week before—I have come to the conclusion that, like Stork

the conclusion that, like Stork and butter, the two can in some ways fairly be compared. My viewpoint is, I fear, exclusively a metropolitan one and would of course not tally with those of viewers with their own local variants in Glasgow, own local variants in Glasgow, Norwich or Belfast.

For me, Today means 35 minutes of Eamonn Andrews and his lopsided smile, alternating with gruff Bill Grundy, and supported by Allan Hargreaves et al; group motto—"this is where it's at". Nationwide means 50 minutes of amonger others, breezy Michael

amongst others, breezy Michael
Barratt, rough Frank Bough,
dour Robert McKenzie and
handsome, broad-shouldered
Valerie Singleton; group
motto—"you know we make
sense".

Slim and trim, cause for
concern, good neighbours, public eve champion children lic eye, champion children— like the colour sups that care, Votionwide wears its heart on its sleeve, and that heart is covered in slogans. Today eems closer to a popular daily newspaper, more overtly con-cerned with status, sex and class, and much more interested in showbiz.

Both programmes find housing, education, motoring, Joseph Kalichstein Oueen Elizabeth Hall

Max Harrison

Beethoven's Sonata Op 54 was a pleasantly unusual choice for Joseph Kalichstein to being his piano recital with yesterday afternoon. And it was percep-tive of him to follow it with the Schumann Kreisleriana, for Beethoven's first movement is echoed in Schumann's second, lthough the earlier work's umour is scarcely to be found in the later.

The form of Reethoven's opening movement, clearly of tempo demanded by a work their effect as flights from articulated by Mr Kalichstein, of rare spontaneity whose eight reality was obliterated by the still sounds unusual, with two movements are like an inspired finale's hectic insistence.

success, to involve their audiences in a kind of con-tinuous televisual reunion. culture \*. To move to details, my inevitably impressionistic and subjective survey revealed much to commend, if also a fair amount gently to con-demn. At times things went memorable interview with Amin's favourite pilot (Andrews, of Amin: "Do you think he is mad, or just a great extrovert?"), and also a hilariously wrong. Today's in-terview with a policeman on a murder hunt had the sound so

badly out of sync that he was only heard to speak when his face was in repose. At last Wednesday's rather soggy gala ceremony at the Hilton for Nationwide's Champion Children, our Valerie, under the stress of the moment, inadvertently reversed the order of her words in one sentence of high commendation, thus turning it into a gross insult. When Nationwide link-people when Nanominae nik-people find they have a boring item, like Jubilee mugs or the weather, their impulse is to in-fuse it with their lovable, fallible humanity. I wish they wouldn't, Today's whimsical Michael Wale, on whom Eamonn bestows his most avuncular smiles, has never yet made me smile. Nationwide's mercurial Richard Stilgoe, who does make me smile, alternates, in his DIY spot, be-tween being brilliantly instruc-tional (how to make a bathroom cabinet) and footlingly useless. Fashion reporter Lyndall Hobbs, of whom Eamonn seems slightly afraid, may in-deed turn on millions of deed turn on millions of viewers, but for me her patter too Voguish, and her sophisticated gestures closer

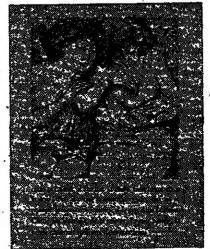
to gauche. Sometimes Nationwide's minifeatures work splendidly, as in the case of Bob Wellings's fol-lies, or even last week's piece on Austin Sevens; sometimes, as in the case of Monday's fat-uous trip round "London's uous trip round "London's markets", they don't. Both programmes can, on occasion, provide important political in-terviews (Nationwide's with Callaghan) and illuminating para-political ones (Today's

Nationwide's probe, complete with Age of Uncertainty-style visuals, into the alleged toughening up of Britain's attitude towards would-be immigrants was a hopelessly one-sided affair and their piece on an unpopular local government decision at Welwyn appeared to succumb to the seductive charms of banner-waving teeny boppers and nervasive populast boppers and pervasive populist fervour. But then, like the heart, showbusiness has its reasons. . . . utterly different subjects that improvization whose incand

taken.

escence the composer was are brought together only at the end. Mr Kalichstein played it with a most apt alteration of quizzicality and vehemence, Prokofiev's Sonata No 6 was written 101 years after Kreis-leriana, in 1939, and with its brighter colours and gestures and after that fleeting reconciliation at the close it seemed right that the second moveeven more extravagant than Schumann's, it speaks of a harsher world. That is conment, a perpetuum mobile, should make an elusive impression, insubstantial despite its forcefulness. firmed by the profound disturb-ances of the first movement Schumann said that Kriesleridevelopment section, vividly ana could be understood only conveyed by Mr Kalichstein Schumann said that Kriesleriby Germans", yet Mr Kalichand then seemingly contradicted stein, born in Israel, under by the central movements. stood it even better than be did. These are a pawky march-like the Beethoven. One way that piece and a waltz-parody whose came across was through his outer sections were made too not being afraid of the extremes leisurely on this occasion. But

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Table tennis

# New structure will restore an old point of distinction

By Richard Streeton

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Table tennis, the first major sport over 45 years ago to grant its players open status, yesterday decided to reinstate the distinction between smateurs and professionals. A congress of the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) at Birmingham agreed their constitution should be rewritten with a view to gaining recognition by the Olympic Committee. This unexpected decision was agreed with 65 votes in favour, six against and with six abstentions.

Roy Evans, the Welsh president of the ITTF, admitted the federation had taken what some people might consider a retrograde step and others might feel could possibly be out of line with what the IOC liself might be contemplating in the future. "We have bowed to the wishes of our members to this matter", he said. "you cannot argue with 55 votes in favour."

A committee will be set up to organize the division of table tennis into amateur and profestennis into amateur and profes-sional sections as soon as possible. An example in the game will in future hav eto follow the Olympic definition of the word though the raid and unpaid wil istill be able to meet in world championships

Mr Evans explained there was no intention at the moment to press for the inclusion of table remis in the Olympic Games. But in many countries in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and South America, the governments only provided financial help to sports recognized by the IOC.

recognized by the IOC.

It had been this factor that had brought about the desire for change by such a heavy majority. The IOC recognized table termis es an important world sport and were understood to be sympathetic. as it now attempted to implement its new structure. The IOC will live a decision about whether to crant table termis recognition at their own congress next June. A setback for England's women

their own congress next June.

A setback for England's women rainst Hungary, victory for England's men over Australia and the first defeat for one of the Chinese men's teams helped vary what hitherto has been the pattern when the world championships continued yesterday. China still beat West Germany 5—1 in their Swaything Cup match. The defeat of 14 Chen-Shih, 21—19, 21—19, in the tahird singles by Jochen Leiss had novelty value rather than any deep significance. Li, the number three Chinese, and ranked sixth in the world, raced into a 6—0 lead at the start of the match, the first occasion one of China's matches has been staged outside the main arena.

Leiss, 27, a left-hander, and

Leiss, 27, a left-hander, and anked 18th in world lists, looked incapable of countering Li's varied services. The German, however, declined to become rattled, and attacking forcefully with his strong backhand strokes, slowly forced his way back into the match.

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This was China's fifth successive win and with Hungary they seem almost assured now of places in the semi-final round. England, whose programme in the same group brought them up against the strongest countries first, ended a sequence of three defeats when they beat Indonesia as midnight approached on Sunday night, and yesterday won 5—0 against Australia.

For the first time Decreaed

For the first time Desmond Douglas, the England number one, at these championships, looked sharp and at his best as he best Paul Pinkewich 21—5, 21—13 and Robbie Javor, 21—13, 21—9. Paul Day had two good wins, and it

Pickell sets record

Montreal, March 27.—Steve Pickell, of Canada, today set a new world 100 metres butterfly record at the Canadism winter championships here when he

clocked 54.25sec in the 25-metre pool.—Agence France Presse.



Paul Day: two victories against Australia.

was Denis Neele, the England number two, who is expected to retire after these championships, who had the hardest struggle. Neale conceded 19 points in both games while beating Robert Tuckett.

Tuckett.

England's women were beaten 3—0 by Hungary, though both trams should proceed to the next stage to settle fifth to eighth places. England never recovered after Jil Hammersely was beaten 15—21, 21—19, 21—13 by Beatrix Kishazi. This match went to the expedite rule at 17—14 to the Hungarian's favour in the second game. Miss Kishazi does not find it casy to vary her defensive approach and the situation

Corbillon Cup

favoured her. Mrs Hammersley, however, never got her forehand, working at its best. She was 10—6 up in the third game, but was soon 12—17 behind and never looked like recovering.

Judit Magos, the former European champion, rook time to settle before winning a hard-hitting game against Carole Knight 24—26, 21—11, 21—15. Miss Knight early on scored well against Mrs Magos's service, but later found it troublesome. In the deciding doubles, Mrs Hammersley and Linda Howard began well, but missed three match points in the second game and later faded and were beaten by Mrs Magos and Gabriella Szabo

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# Group D THREE: Norway 3, Iran 1,

#### Squash rackets Main event looks Leshe will need his skill almost even and stamina money the field

Britain's two surviving amateurs have tough assignments for places in the quarter-final round of the British Open Championship spousored by Lucas Industries, at Wembley today.

Jonathon Leslie, the British closed champion, has the best chance to succeed when he meets the Australian professional. By Our Rackets Correspondent Harrow and Malvera seem the two strongest schools in the rackets doubles championships which began at Queen's Club yesterday. They have the top seeded pairs in the main championship and in the second pair event, and Harrow are favoured to win the colts. to win the colts.

Harrow's second pair, De Lotbinere and McCorquodale, and Malvern's Martyn-Smith and Clarke won their matches and cualified to move up into the championship. Neither was seriously tested but McCorquodale and Clarke looked players of usual first pair callbre.

Halleybury II. the left-handed Wallis and Dingley, had the longest match of the day before beating Toubridge II, Tutt and Rett, 15—10, 15—5, 1—15, 15—9, 6—15, 15—6. In this affair, not dominated by service as were some others, the two smaller players, Dingley and Bett, came nut best, showing skills that should improve as they grow. Both were sound in the rallies.

In the colts, Wellington's lailinson and Low, both well built, were impressive while demolishing Richardson and Fetherston, of Tonbridge, in three games. Low hit hard and with cut and has a natural rackets player's style. Their fortunes should depend on how they react when made to move against strokes faster than they received in this mamb.

the Australian professional, Kemeth Hiscoe, while Barry O'Connor, an England international, has the daunting task of tackling another Australian, the defending title holder, Geoffrey Hunt.
Leslle, a 26-year-old barrister, from Beaconsfield, possesses the skill and stamina to overcome the more experienced Hiscoe, seeded

Group C \_THREE: Finland 3, Iceland 0.

more experienced Hiscoe, seeded number six.

O'Connor, from Bexley, the only unseeded player to reach the last 16, will find Hunt, the world champion, an entirely different proposition. The 30-year-old Australian from Melbourne, is the favourite to win the tide for a fourth time. Jonah Barringtom, attempting to win the tide for a record-equalling seventh time, opposes the Egyptian, Abbas Kaoud.

Pakistani boycott

Pakistan, continuing their boy-cott of international squash fourtaments in which there is South African representation, have now withdrawn from the Irish open at Fitzwilliam Club from April 14 to April 18.

#### Pakistanis win with over a day to spare

Roseau, Dominica, March 28.—The Pakistanis today defeated the Pakistanis today defeated the Windward Islands by 112 runs with a day to spare in their scheduled four-day cricket match here. They took the remaining six wickets for only 17 runs to dismiss the opposition for 89.

The Islands started their second innings with John finding the boundary ropes but with the score on four John was caught at backward point off Bakht.

Irving Shikhingford came to the wicket in front of a 5,000 crowd but after two boundaries, he was

wicket in from of a 5,000 crowd but after two boundaries, he was sent back to the pavilion, caught by Asil off Sarfraz.

Thospe came in and, after showing signs of nervousness, was bowied when he mistimed a long hop from Intikhab Alam. With the score on 45, Sebastiem was caught at second slip by Zeheer Abbas off Wasim Raja. The not out batsmen were Philip, on 16, and Brown, on five.

In their second innings, the Paleistanis found runs difficult to come by. Between them, Annibaffa and Hinds collected five wickets.

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Annibaffa, bowling his left-arm orthodox leg-spin, took two wickets for 41 runs off 15 overs. Hinds took three wickets with his off spin for 42 runs off 13 overs. Wasim Raja, the top scorer in the first innings, was out after three balls for a duck.

Scores: Pakistani: 167 and 163: punching.

# State of European game under review

By Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent

Tennis Correspondent

The prestige of the European tennis season, which has been subject to gradual but continual erosion for almost a decade, is now so seriously threatened that a series of meetings in Nice next weekend has assumed critical importance. The committee of the Association of Tennis Tournaments in Europe are to meet on Friday. Next day the Association of Tennis Professionals will attempt to conciliste the directors of European tournaments, who of European tournaments, who are disenchanted with them. On Sunday the same directors will discuss the state of the European game and their plans for the future.

The process of erosion began with the advent of open competi-tion in 1968. Europe was soon suffering under the weight of the dollar, not least from the success of early season circuits backed by World Championship Tennis and, for women, Virginia Stims. But the scope of these circuits was restricted. Far more damaging for Europe was the introduction of World Team Tennis, an American tenerical teams composition. can inter-city league competition spanning the snumer mouths. Then came man-to-man celebrity "challenge" matches and, more recently, four-man events. Both recently, four-man events. Both formats offered leading players huge cash incentives to neglect the traditional big-entry tourna-

ments.

The growth of the grand prix series—combined with the success of the players' associations in forcing prize money to levels many tournaments find prohibitive—have been additional factors in attracting "name" players away

One result of all this has been the segregation of the men's and women's games. Another has been a growing list of cournament been a growing list of tournament casualties. Promoters and sponsors are either no longer able, or no longer willing, to pay inflated prices for a sub-standard product. In spite of increased costs, they cannot get the kind of players who sell tickets. The British hard court championships at Bournemouth, the Dewar event at the

Albert Hall, tournaments in Palma, Stockholm, Tel Aviv and Madrid-all have been abandoned or are searching for means of survival. The prospect for 1978 is so bleak as to be horrifying. John Beddington, secretary to the Asso-ciation of Tennis Tournaments in Europe, is not a man to panic. He is trying to convince himself that talk of a crisk is exaggerated. But he admitted: "We've got a lot of problems." Football

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Football Correspondent ...

Uxbridge Football Club.

A year-long grand prix series (in 1978 it will absorb the World Championship Tennis circuit) is beginning to seem more of a nightmare than a dream. No one nightmare than a dream. No one can outline a teninis utopia with any confidence. But it has lways been clear that a grand prix series restricted to four or five great tournaments would have far more validity than the tumbersome monster we have now. It may be that the rest of the world game could be most effectively organized on a regional basis: with independent circuits in Europe, North and South America, the Far East and so on.

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and South America, the Far East and so on.

But within the existing context of the game it is encouraging that World Championship Tennis are keeping faith with the international concept which led them to choose that title when the organization was born. This evening they are boldly introducing Earls Court to the calandar with a distinguished 16-man event. There will be play every evening until Sunday, when the finals will be played in the afternoon. Six years ago Mark Cox, of Britain, took part in the first match of the first coordinated WCT circuit. This evening he will make another little piece of history by opposing Vitas Gerulaitis in the first tennis match ever played at Earls Court. The rest of the programme will be Alexander v Solomon. Dibbs v Panatta, and, in doubles, Fibak and Okker v Garulaitis and Kodes. The first round of each event will be completed tomorrow and on Thursday, with Rosewall. Nastase and Roche among the competitors. The quarter final rounds will be played on Friday, the semi-final rounds of Saturday. The seedings tell us Stockton should beat Nastase in the singles final.

# Stracey must forget past to recall winning ways

If John Stracey can forget his last world title bout and the trauma of being stopped in front of his own crowd by Carlos Palamino, the previously unconsidered Mexican-American, he can make a triumphant return tonight.

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Any sign of the weakness he showed that night and Dave Green, the farmer's boy from Chatteris, in East Anglia, is likely to walk right through him. Stracey, the former British, European and world welterweight champion, is 25 and has been inactive for the past nine months, whereas Green, the 23-year-old light welterweight champion of Britain and Europe, is the busiest of the better boxers in the country.

They meet over 12 rounds at the Empire Pool, Wembley, for the championship of nowhere; yet so great is the attraction that Wempley will be full and they will earn the biggest purse for a non-heavyweight contest in Loudon. The progress of Green, who came through 1976 with 12 wins out of 12, two titles and a trail of bruised opponents in his wake, made the match possible.

There is even a precedent for the fight. In February, 1939, Eric Boon, from Chatteris, fought Green (Stracey's part of the world), on one of British boxing's

Thirty eight years later, the wheel has turned full circle. Chatteris won last time. East London starts slight favourite tought on the assumption that the scars on Straces's psyche have healed in nine months.

Green's biggest problem is that this will be his first renture in world class and in a division bigher than that in which he made his name. When which he made mgner than that in which he made his name. Welterweights punch harder than light welterweights; they take a better punch and, in Stracey, Green faces a boxer who has been right to the top.

If a man is as good as his last fight, Stravey has no chance, but we have me accept that it was

right, Stravey has no chance, but we have to accept that it was not the real Stracey at Wembley last June. It is better to remember the Stracey who want to Mexica City and survived a first round knockdown to win the world championship from Napoles, or the Stracey who came from behind to beat Lewis and Lopes.

The winner will meet Palamino

The winner will meet Palamino for the world title in June and the compatition for this plum will be uncompromising. It will be an explosive contest, not a tactical exercise, and there will be some punishment handed out. Green could take an early lead but the problem will be holding on to it. After 23 winning fights he faces his first defaut.



The boyish Green (left) will feel the weight of Stracey's

# Downie returns in time for

# Practice still England's fatest experiment in tactics, a 3-3-4 pattern expected to be seen against Luxembourg in the World Cup qualifying match at Wemblev comorrow night has already misfired rather embarrassingly in two practice games. Don Revie's selection have failed to penegrare two defences fortified by such people as bimself, the coaches and some volunteers from -Yesterday on a schools pitch north of London, Mr Revie again north of London, Mr Revie again instructed the reserves, playing with 13 men against 10 of England's in an attempt to simulate the anticipated defensive artitude of Luxembourg, to pack the penaity area. The previous day at 'Vembley, Miriner, of Ipswich Town, scored twice against the first team and yesterday he scored again, and it was the only goal." It's what happens on the night that counts. I am not worried about not scoring in practice." Mr Revie said, yet obviously a little put out by the interest teing shown in his." private "practice." Yesterday's brief game, which

Crying for Argentina? Keegan, the little boy lost, seems to take a second defeat by the reserves badly at England

factor if they finish equal on points with Italy in the group.

No decision has yet been made on the fitness of Tueart, the Manon the fitness of Tueart, the Manchester City player, who has damaged knee ligaments. He trained yesterday but today will be subjected to strenuous twisting and turning before Mr Revie players are dying to repay tale decides whether to include him or Birmingham Cky's Francis. Mr Revie said if Tueart was not we have not played well in the ready Francis would be expected last three matches."

#### Liverpool date at Bristol still uncertain

Yesterday's brief game, which he said lasted for only nine or 10 minutes each way, could hardly be taken as a serious indication of the Eugland team's scoring ability

the England team's scoring ability against a defence of up to nine men—the number Mr Revie anticipates tomorrow—but it cannot have helped improve the confidence of the strikers who are expected to score half a dozen or more to help England's goal difference which could be the crucial

England's summer tour of South America has squashed suggestions that Bristol City's home game azainst Liverpool—it could decide the title and relegation tangle— will be played on June 18.

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That is the dam Don Revie's squad return from Uruguay—they-leave on June 5 and also play Brazil and Argentina—and some:
Liverpool players are certain to be on board. The league game was scheduled for April 23, but Liverpool meet Everton in the seamfinal round of the FA Cup on that date.

The League asked Bristol and Liverpool for a date: "We flippannly suggested June 18, but if you look at the fixtures that's the first date we can fit it in a Bristol City official said.

"If Liverpool are knocked out of the FA or European Cups, other dates will become available and we are witing for a decision from the League."

More than 170 league fixtures have been postponed so far this season and, a League spokesman said: "We still have to rearrange about 12 to 14 of them. We have done quite well so far and at the moment the last league fixture is May 18."

#### Stapleton out of | Free Saturday Irish side against France

Frank Stapleton, of Arsenal, is out of the Republic of Ireland side to play France in the World Cup qualifying tie at Lausdowne Road tomorrow.

Stapleton failed a fitness test yesterday and said: "The ankie still hurts badly, it wouldn't have been fair on myself or the team to have played on Wednesday." Heighway is fit to play. His knee injury has responded to treatment and he figured in a practice session lasting an hour and a half. He said: "The weekend rest gave my knee a chance to recover. I'm looking forward to the game on Wednesday. I think we should win."

Wash (Blackpool) is almost certain to replace the injured Supleton in a striking role Giles declined to say whether he would play himself. If he does he will win his fortyeighth cap—a. Republic of Ireland record.

Paris: The French football team manager. Michel Hidaigo, said nam resterday that Gerard Janston, a full back, might be fit to play against the Republic of Ireland in the which was believed to have ruled him out.

# essential for Wales

Don Revie will not be the only international manager to suffer if the League and FA drop the "free Saturday" scheme which enables players to assemble a week before World Cip qualitying ties. Michael Smith, whose Welsh side face a cracial qualifying march against Cachoshovalde. fying match against Czechoslovakia in Wrexbam tomorrow said yesler-day: "The present system, which I have heard may be ending gives me time to sort out ream injuries and tactics and gives us

Injuries and tactics and gives us time to relax together."

Smith has already lost John Toshak and Malcolm Page from his party, drafting in Leighton James and Leslie Fibbon from the six reserves.

Smith welcomes clubs with players in his party being able to, bring forward, or postpone, their matches on the weekend before an international. He also appreciates the club managers point of view: "They look at h in terms of matches they have to fit; has view: "They look at it in terms of matches they have to fit: to before the end of the season, Rop. Saunders of Arson, Villa for instance, would probably prefet his players not to be called up. "They are behind on games played and also have their League. Cup Final replay", said South, who names his team today.

# Today's football and other fixtures

FOURTH DIVISION: Watford v Don-

FOURTH DIVISION: Wallerd v Don-caster Ravers.
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Allon Athletic v Gueen's Park (6,0): Forfar Athletic v Stenhoussmuir.
EENEFIT MATCH (dependents of Peter Houssman): Chelsra v Choisea 1970 FA Cup Team.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier divi-sion: Alberstone v Hillingdon: Graves-rion: Alberstone v Hillingdon: Graves-rion: Westasione: Minchead v Ketter-ing: Wimbedon v Grantham. First division (North): Bromsgrove v Stour-

SECOND DIVISION: Nottingham bridge: Carby v Gloucester. South: Redhill v Egham Cap: Foprih royad: Ariesbury v Canterbury: Crawley v Heigh v Letton Wandebris.

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Harwood v Banger City: South Liverpool v Macleshied.
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Shiton v Dalyuch Hambet; Wycombe
Wanderers v Hiord. Cap: Third round:
St Albans v Woking.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division:
Cheshaut v Haringev: Epsom v Lowes
16.01: Erith and Epivedere v Grays:

#### Hockey

# At last English forwards look hungry for goals

By Joyce Whitehead

On the first day of the British universities women's hockey tournament at New University, Coleraine, England got off to a splendid start by beating Scotland (the holders) 2—0. Julie Dawson and Jackie Fennick both scored In the second half, and for the first time for years the English forwards looked hungry for goals. Scotland had not found their usual form but England's defence was sound, and It was a less game.

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was sound, and it was a fast game.

The last encounter of the afternoon, between Wales and Scotland, brought the best out of the Welsh. It was an open game full of endeavour. Scotland scored twice in the first half, the first in off the defence from a good pass by Lesley Bell just in front of the goal line, and the second from a combination, at a corner, of Bell, Scotland and Buchanan. Buchaman scored with a shot which Bellinda Hinsley, the Welsh goalkeeper, only partially checked. In the second haif, Buchanau

passed and just missed a penalty stroke.

Earlier in the day, Northern Ireland had an easy victory over England B, scoring three goals—Ros Beacom, June Garvin and Liuda Booth in the first half. Wales and England B played out a goalless draw in a dull game though Wales did get the belt make the net twice—both disallowed—and shot wide on three occasions.

Then Ireland played England A. It was the second match of the day for both reams and k looked like it. The hard court pitch soft from a snow-shower slowed the game, but Ireland's right wing. Caroline McIlmoyle, played a good game and inidated many promising attacks. From one of these Miss Garvin scored. England did not look the same ream as the one which beat Scotland earlier in the day. They crowded and bunched and played on top of one another to no purpose, and Ireland won by the only goal.

# Juniors look to Europe from Folkestone

By Sydney Friskin The Folkestone bockey festival from April 8 to 11 will have a more serious outdook than usual more serious outdook than usual for some teams. The under-21, sides of England, West Germany. The Netherlands and France will use the event as a training ground for the junior European championship to be held at the same place from September 16 to 19.

Wales and Scotland have yet 10 Wales and Scotland have yet to qualify for the jumor European championship and they will play each other in Wales on May 7

England's matches at the Folke-stone festival are: April 8: v West Germany (2.50 pm); April 9: v Royal Leopoldville (2.40); April 10: v The Netherlands (1.45); April 11: v France (2.15). ENGLAND (from) T. W. Gregory Capplain: S. W. J. Shepherdson, C. M. Camburn, N. Malleu, G. M. L. Thomas, A. J. L. Wallace, D. G. Westork, N. M. Boddington, J. L. Duthle, P. A. R. Land, P. Taylor, M. A. Dauthan, G. N. Francis, D. J. Godwin, G. S. Hayward, D. J. Toose, S. W. Graves,

#### Equestrianism

### One Schockenmöhle to ride at Hickstead

strokes faster than they received in this manch.

The main championship begins today and though unlikely to be of vintage quality, looks open. The experienced Malvern pair, Rosser and McDonald, have lost only to Harrow this season. Harrow's only defeat came against Haileybury, but they were without their second string, Thomas, on that occasion. Marlborough, the holders, and Haileybury, were beaten by Malvern and Marlborough also by Harrow. It is almost even money the field.

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Colors: First round: Charterhouse (R. C. Dosgor; and C. St. R. Mole) By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Paul Schockemölile (younger brother of the reigning Olympic champion), who was reinstated by the West German Federation in January after being sentenced to a year's suspension after the Olympic Games, brings a West German presente to the meeting at Hickstead, sponsored by Embassy, which runs from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

He is accompanied by Eddie Macken, with whom he is in partwership, and by Axel Wochener, who achieved immortality by descending the 10th 6in Derby bank backwards. Macken is reunited with Pele, on whom he was runner-up for the world champion-ship here in 1974. Now leased by the Irish Horse Board, the horse has been rechristened Kervygold.

A vertable task force of 25 Irish horses includes an army team of Leeutemant-Colonel Ned Campion, Captain Larry Kiely, Captain Con Power, Lieutenants G. Mullius and J. Roohe. The ciwilians are led by Pawl Darragh, who won the British Jumping Derby on Pele in 1975 Sand now rides P. J. Carroll and Olympic Light for Miss Iris Kellett.

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jointsey, Nick Skenon and Join and Michael Whitaker. The most important competition is the Embassy Grand Prix on Easter Monday with £3,000 in stakes and worth £1,000 to the winner.

This year there are only two jumping rings at Hickstead, where galloping inflation has made it necessary to close down two of the three nowice rings, which will now be confined to show horses. Hickstead were previously having to subsidize each novice horse to the time of £3.

But, a wider showing classification, giving a more comprehensive horse show with plenty to balance the show jumping, will represent a general widening of the interest, in tune with up-to-date enthusiasm which is spreading through the horse world. Hungers and hacks, cobs and ponies, backneys, heavy horses, and worlding ponies bave all deawn excellent entries.



Swimming

# Crystal Palace event

Gordon, Downie, a member of the British swimming team which won a bronze medal in the 4 x 200 metres free-style relay at the Montreal Olympics, will be returning from the United States to compete in the Coca-Cola international at Crystal Palace from April 9 to 11. The 22-year-old Scot, who is at an American university, will be competing in the 100 metres free-style and the two events in which he is British record-bolder, the 200 metres and 400 metres free-style.

Although the team for the six nations international in the Netherlands on April 16 and 17, will not be mamed until later this week, it is likely that Downie, of the Warrender Club, who recently broke the British short-course record for the 1500 metres, will also be named in that team.

A notable absente from the team for the Coca-Cola international is 14-year-old Sharron Davies, from Plymouth. Miss Davies, youngest member of the British Olympic team last summer and winner of three events in the national short-course champion-ships in Cambridge last week, bas indicated that she would priefer to compete in the eight nations youth championships in Barcekore, A. Williss, and the ASA stated that she would metres free-style on while the swimming at Crystal Palace.

Although the team for the six nations international is Cheryl Brazendale, the 14-year-old Blackpool sprinter. Trained by Frank Naylor, coach of the Norbreck Castle Club, Miss Brazendale became the first serior the 1500 metres, will also be named in that team.

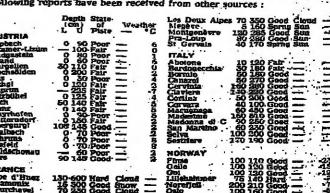
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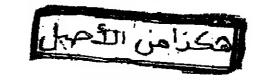
Miss Brazendale wou both the 100 and 200 metres free-style events in Cambridge. A Miss Brazendale, Miss

# Latest European snow reports

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. The





## Jockey Club issue list of prohibited substances

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

When amabolic steroids were 2 When mabolic steroids were a main topic of conversation in racing earlier this winter Mr Jakie Astor, who was then the president of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association, stated in the frankest possible terms what in his opinion should be the attitude of British racing towards doping. He said that we must insist that the best and the healthlest and the soundest horses healthiest and the soundest horses win the races, and that these winners were not running under the influence of medication, controlled or otherwise, or under

recting of the TBA, Mr Astor tent on to say that the basic british rule which states that no nutrient whatever unnanyar burnent whether should be allowed, seemed to be the most straightforward and uncompromising and the best in the long run and that it was essential in the long-term interest of the thoroughbred to ensure that the international rules were standardised.

To my ears those words rang out like a rallying call. Clear, simple and unequivocal they spelt out the position from which we as a leading country in the racing world must never retreat if the quality of our bloodstock is to be preserved. In all the conference, which was attended by racing administrators, legal representatives, veterinarians and analysts from 16 countries, agreed on 14 resolutions at their final full session last Thursday. Yesterday the Jockey Club announced its own new rules on doping which will come into force on April 12. And as the result of the large measure of agreement reached in Rome it is expected that our rules will be widely adopted throughout the world, with the regretable exception of the United States where individual states decide their own policy. Lertainly both France and Ireland are likely to full into line with us very shortly.

For the first time the Jockey Club has decided to publish a comprehensive list of prohibited substances, which means that trainers and their veterinary advisors will now know precisely where they stand. The prohibited substances are listed under categories of drugs rather than as individual proprietary products, and under the new rules the detection of any drug from the listed categories will lead to automatic disqualification of the horse. There will also be a minimum fine of £200 for the trainer, although the stewards may waive this line if they are satisfied that the substance was administered unknowingly and that the trainer had taken all reasonable precautions to evoid a breach of the rule.

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Among the list of prohibited substances are some which are naturally present in a horse. For this reason the stewards emphasize the significance of the definition of prohibited substances in which it is sized that this means a sub-

to the horse.

And "substance" includes the merabolities of the substance. The roles have been tidded up so that in the future any thorse can be tested when it has been disally declared to run 45 minutes before the race instead of when it has attempts to interfere with a horse, not simply the person who actually administers the drug, will be

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Leicester results

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Cernet Jeyes ... F. Edgery (12-1) 2
Jackells ... F. Young (10-1) 3
Jackells ... F. Jackells ... Jackells .

S.16 (5.17) KISWORTH TABLE (2558: 1-m) beick Treat b c. by Le Levanstell Northern Beauty (Mrs H. van der Phosp) 4-9-7 L ivas (10-1) 2 La Vales (10-1) 2 La V

3.46 (8.49) WELFORD STAKES (Handicap: \$1,280: 14m) helan Mark, b h, by On Your Mark—indian Musk (F. Rowe). 6-3: W. Carson (16-1) 1 Cold Flight ... 5. Pariss (9-1) 2 Ravensbourne ... D. Cullen (14-1) 3 ALSO RAN: 100-30 if 2nw Enemy (44h). The Guynor. 5-1 indian Sol. 6-1 Ski Shop, 12-1 Security Council. Touch of Spring. 16-1 Monumental Noment. 20-1 Mr Mellors. 11 ren. TOTE: Win, £1.47: places, 35p. 50p. 27p. 30l. nk. Bars L. Dingwall, at Pools.

4.15 (4.21) MAYTIME AUCTION STAKES (3-y-o; £770; £61) Sainting Stripht Charlie, the c. by Sainting Song—Suropy Lou (H. Bright) 7-10 . T. Call (7-2 fay) 3 Another Gene C. Rodrigues (4-1) 2 Jowes Case 11:2 Lore Triangle, 8-1 Merchantman, 9-1 Loney Voice, 2-1 Loppingdales (4th, 16-1 Galliford, Rocky Boy, Last Melody, 10 ran. TOTS, Wh. 48p; places, 13p, 22p, 15p; dual Surecast, £1.49, £1, 19-1. Trithurst, at Middleham.

4.49 (4.49) LODOINGTON STARES (5.40): £855: 6f) Port Bello—

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ALSO RAN: 9-0. fay Rocket Lancer,

5-1 Eviencly Choice, Jone Ropolm, 7-1

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New master of Warren Place relishing the great challenge

# Cecil out to make biggest the best lady gives It is with understandable pride Lammedouste would also excel last time this spring, he would be that Henry Cecil shows a visitor year, but his tendous began to give come the first trainer to do the up all for her

It is with understandable pride that Henry Cecil shows a visitor round Warren Place. He now owns one of the most famous training establishments in the country the launching pad from where his father-in-law, Noel Murless, became champion trainer cight times be postpooted for a year. rise to anxiety during the drought when the ground became particularly firm and his attempt to win the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes had to be postponed for a year.

The great Ascot race remains his principal objective this season. Laomedonte looks extremely well now and, more important, his legs are see cold. He is likely to reappear at Newbury next month in came champion trainer eight times and sent out virtually every big whiter in the book.

Some might find the prospect of following in such distinguished footsteps a trifle daunting, but not so Cecil, whose confidence has obviously been boosted sky high by winning the 2,000 Guineas for the past two years and also by becoming champion trainer himself last season at the comparatively tender age of 33. Namrally, Cecil sees taking over Warren Place as a great challenge, but it is a challenge that he is reliabling and already the famous yard is almost bursting at the seams.

Cecil brought a lot of horses with him from his previous stables on the other side of the town and the fusion of the two teams means that he near controls the burses.

appear at Newtoury next mooth in the Joint Porter Stakes and there he will renew theaky of old with Orange Ray.

Laomedonte is owned by an Italian, Carlo d'Alessio, whose colours have become so familiar in this country in recent years thanks to the least of the classic winners, Reliconski and Wollow. Mr d'Alessio also owns the four-year-old Aliants, who Ceofi says is understed and is one to bear in mind perhaps for a race like the Royal Hunr Cup at Ascot. Lucky Wednesday finished third in the Irish 2000 Guineas last year when he was trained in Ireland. His first race in this country is likely to be the Earl of Section Stakes at Newmarket, where the Champion Stakes winner, Vitiges, will be one of his opponents.

Cecil took over the four-year-old filly, Mao Girl, from his father in law and he thinks that she could be just the type to win the Nassau Stakes for him at Goodwood at the end of July. Having won that particular prize for the past two years with Roussalka, he knows precisely what is needed. Cecil also "inherited" Miss Pinkie and Paddington from Murless and they are the pick of his three-year-old fillies for the time being. In different ownership, they are being trained this spring with the 1,000 Guineas in mind and both will run before then, Paddington in the Nell Gwyn Stakes at Newhorry.

When Cecil won the 2000 Guineas in successive years with Bolkonski and Wollow he become the first trainer to win that particular classic consecutively since Alex Taylor did so in 1917 and 1918. Were he to win it a third on the other side of the town and the fusion of the two teams means that he now controls the biggest string in the country. And in Joe Mercer he now has a stable fockey who should be all enormous asset in the weeks and months ahead.

For 24 years Mercer was first lockey to Dick Hern at West Isley and during those years he massed and foring those years he massed. For 24 years Mercer was first jockey to Dick Hern at West Ilsley and during those years he smassed a wealth of experience. When it became known last summer that the owners of West Ilsley, wanted a younger man to ride for them in the future—they chose William Carson—Cecil was first in the queue for Mercer's services, and I think that time will show that he made an extremely wise choice. Cecil may not have a three-year-old of the class of Wollow this year, but his stables are still full of some of the purest blood in the country, and I will be more than middly surprised if the new master of Warren Place does not enjoy a memorable first season in his new home. The older horses in training there include Fool's Mate, Laomedonte. Aliante, Lucky Wednesday and Mao Girl.

Laomedonte was one of the best three-year-olds in training in Italy two seasons ago and much the same sort of horse there as Orange Bay, who did so well in England last season. It was hoped that

Sandown Park (NH) programme

2.20 NOVICES STREPLECHASE (£770 : 21m)

2.0 DOWNS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: E507: 2m 18vds)

time this spring, he would be-come the first trainer to do the Guiness treble this century. The fact that history is against him does not bother him. He is busy training both Royal Plume and Running Ball with the first classic of the season in mind.

sobering thought that Royal Plume was not in the same class as J. O. Tobin, his stable and galloping companion last states. Yet he still managed to end his two-year-old career on a triumphant note by wining his last three races.

It must be debatable whether Royal Plome will measure up to classic standard, but on the other hand be is a horse with a seemingly limitless well of re-reserves. The Craven Stakes will sell us more. The dark horse in the stable is Ruoming Boil about whom comparatively little is known other than that he won his sonly race at Newmarket in the autumn and that he is a half brother to a horse who was good enough to win an Itish classic.

Running Bull had a big reputation when he appeared in the autumn, but he did not win the way it was rumoured he would. Cedi still has falth in him, though, and that faith will be put to the test in the Greenham Stakes at Newbury, where he is likely to encounter such lively individuals as Gairlock and Tachypons.

For the time being the many two-year-olds in the stable are just names. But it may be worth making a particular note of three. Hatched is one of the first crop of that top class miler Thatch and by far the nicest one by his sire that I have seen this spring. Welsh Knight is a half brother to that good filly, Brave Lass, by Welsh Pageant, and Delphorrie is by Wollow's sire Wolver Hollow and out of a full sister to the Derby winner Charlottown. All three are extremely nice individuals in their different way.

Michael Phillips

# Amazing old

By Michael Seely her eighties and still going strong, saddled Indian Mark to win the valuable race at Leicester yesterday afternoon. Ridden by William In the last furlong to win by 10 Carson, Indian Mark stormed clear lengths from Gold Flight and Ravensbourne.

If a spontaneous gesture, carson refused to dismount until Mrs Dingwall had joined him so that the trio could be photographed together. Carson then hopped off the horse and in a charming reversal of roles, patied the octogenarian trainer on the back. By a second coloridate Carson, who

versal of roles, patied the octogenarian trainer on the back. By a
strange coincidence, Carson, who
was only booked for the ride yesterday morning, was also the successful jockey on Mrs Dingwall's
last winner on the flat. That was
on Tiercel at Salisbury in August,
1973, the year of the Scotsman's
second championship.

Mrs Dingwall is a remarkable
figure. She has trained 77 winners
since she first took out a licence
in the early 1930s, and until
recently also ran a garage and a
bus service. "I've given all that
up", Mrs Dingwall said, "but I'm
guing on with my first love, horses.
And I hope to win the Grand
National next year with Sanctum's
Gift. The poor animal, he's so
ugly that it's given him an
inferiority complex", she added
with a smile.

Carson had earlier ridden his
first winner of the season when
taking the Billesdon Selling Handicap on Harry's Fizzale. At
Leicester this afternoon Carson
can continue on his winning ways
by capturing feature race, the Holwell Handicap on Subaltern. Other
possible winners at Oadby are
Cedar Grange in the Rempstone
Handicap and Hauterelle in the
Reythorpe Selling Stakes.

# Leicester programme



3.15 HOLWELL HANDICAP (£981: 14m)

3.35 ROYAL ARTILLERY STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £751: 3.45 REMPSTONE HANDICAP (3-y-0 : 2676 : 5f) 

4.15 BURTON OVERY STAKES (3-y-o: £1,253: 1m) 15-8 Mandahus, 5-2 Main Event, 5-1 Court House Sezarac, 14-1 Revenge is Sweet, 16-1 others.

4.45 HARBOROUGH STAKES (3-y-o maiden fillies: £672: 1m)

Leicester selections

By Our Racing Staff 2.15 Windsor Lass. 2.45 HAUTARELLE is specially recommended. 3.15 Subaltern. 3.45 Cedar Grange. 4.15 Mandalus. 4.45 Royal Declaration. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.45 Market Stranger, 3.15 Dred Scott. 4.15 Mandalus, 4.45 Miss Carvin.

#### Hereford (NH) programme 2.15 KINGSTONE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £697: 24m)

Sandown Park selections

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4.10 SPRING HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £951:

2m 18vds)

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8 24u400 Result (C-D), Miss A. Sincisk, 11-10-6 ... R. Rowall

10 103-140 Chance at Lock, S. Woodman, 11-10-6 ... E. Atkins

5-2 Rise, 3-1 Harry Rosem, S. Woodman, 11-10-0 ... E. Result

10-1 Chance at Lock, 12-1 Near and Far.

4.40 URIQUE HUNTERS STEEPLECHASE (£673: 3m St 18yds)

2.0 Toughie. 2.30 Tip the Wink. 3.0 Ghost Writer. 3.35 Merchant Banker. 4.10 Shock Result. 4.40 True Luck.



3.45 CREDENHILL STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £613: 2m) 

4.15 HAY HURDLE (Novices Handicap : £408 : 2m)

4.45 KING PYON STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £340: 2m)

2-1 High Prospect, 3-1 Smillso Smagghts, 4-1 Devils Walk, 11-2 Canadian Pacific, 8-1 Lapley Gorse, 12-1 Happy Watrios II, 20-1 offsets.

5.15 DONNUNGTON STEEPLECHASE (Div II: Novices: £364:

7-4 Araballa Swift, 11-4 Dr Hines, 9-3 Limmer, 11-2 Stamszy Lad, 8-1 When-A-Woppa, 12-1 Eine Maid, 20-1 others, . \* Doublink swiner

Hereford selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Sixer. 2.45 Atamein. 3.15 Barry John. 3.45 Poor Boy. 4.15 Hot
Hand. 4.45 Smiller-Smagglus. 5.15 Arabella Swift.

Rugby Union

# Rives and Skréla lend glamour to Barbarians' Easter parade

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By Peter West
Rugby Correspondent
That outstanding pair of French
flankers, Jean-Fierre Rives and
Jean-Claude Skréla, have accepted
invitations for the Barbarians'
Easter tour of Wales, and so have
eight of those players selected to
tour New Zealand chis summer
with the British Lions. There are
fifmen Englishmen in the party,
seven Weishmen, four Scots,
including Gordon Brown (who
now needs aff the big match rugby
he can get), and one Irishman, the
loosehead prop, Philip Orr.
AN Other masks a full-back still
to be named. He might well he
another Englishman, Alastair
Rignell, who appears to have been
incommunicado since departing
the other day to see his family in
The Necherlands.

The presence of Rives and

incommunicado since departing the other day to see his family in The Nerherkands. The presence of Rives and Stress will do the bux office no barm at all and, I dare say, they can be regarded as certain starters for the Saturday match against Cardiff. This, in Cardiff's centenary season, will be a rather special occasion and the Barbarians are planning to mark it with a presentation of a dozen pewer tankards subscribed for by their centention of a dozen pewer tankards subscribed for by their cententions to doubt have it in mind to pit Bryamor Williams against Gareth Edwards, which would be an additional attraction. The last Prenchmen to play for the Barbarians were Vilepreus, in 1971 and 1972, and Gachassin and Lacaze toward the end of the stries. New Barbarians, in addition to Rives and Strela will be Young, Corless, French and Bond from England; Barnes and Gammell, from Scotland; Howells, the Aberavon hooker, and Orr. The choice of Young, who has done the game proud for many years in the north-east, will cause widespread pleasure, and that of Gammell may be seen as some compensation for a player who must have been close to selection for the Lions.

Bond, French and Howells are

for the Lions.

Bond, French and Howells are three of the macapped players in the party; the others being Ryymnor Williams (now in the to play an international for the Lions before he does so for Wales); David Richards, the Swanses stand-off half; McKay, the Rosslyn Park wing, who always seems to go handsomely in a Barbarian jersey, and Greavas,

the Moseley prop who scored two tries on his recent first appearance against East Midlands

Welsh crowds will be looking forward to running their rule over Hay, the Scottish full back who has been picked as number two to Irvine for the Lions. There seems to be a theory south of the border that Hay, a fearless fielder and tackler, has distinct limitations in attack. If so, they did not show too much against East Midlands.

Bast Midlands.

With Uttley, Ripley, Dixon and David, the selection at loose forward looks glamorous. One can envisage the two No 8s falling over themselves for the pleasurable novelty of playing alongside Rives and Skréla.

None of the Lions will play more than two matches—but this

Skréla: a Gaul who will spearhead the Barbarians' invasion anyway is standard practice on a Barbarians' tour, unless injuries demand other arrangements. The tour fixtures are: Penarth (Good Friday); Cardiff (Saturday); Swanses (Easter Monday); New-port (Tuesday).

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BARBARIANS PARTY; B. M.

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# French company to sponsor floodlit sevens so other sports in the United Kingdom, and, apart from cycling and tennis, support several rugby competitions in France. The big London clubs, Blackbeath, Bartequins, London Irish, London Scottish, London Welsh, Metropolitan Police, Richmond, Rosslyn Park, Serzens and Wasps, will be joined by Loughborough Colleges and St Luke's College, Exeter, whose peak fitness and expertise has given them a glowing record in the seven-aside game.

By Peter Marson The "Trophee I By Peter Marson

The "Tropher Pernod Sevens" is the new tide given the London, floodik sevena-side competition to be held at Roehampton on Wednesday, April 13, kick-off 5 pm. This is the result of an agreement between Rosslyn Park and the Pernod company of France, who are to provide financial assistance, a move which has had the approval of the Rughy Football Union.

Pernod already give financial backing to events in a dozen or

Canada propose sanctions

Abidjan, Ivory Coast, March 28 The Canadians have put forward a two-point plan for sanctioning against countries which walk out of the Olympic Games for political

Richard Pound, the newly elec-Olympic Association, proposed: 1 That countries which enter athletes for the Olympic Games and then pull them out for political motives should be automatically barred from the next

Olympic Games;
2 That they should not be allowed to compete in any Olympic Games again until they have reimbursed the organizing committees for expenses and loss of revenue incurred by the withdrawal of attributes.

For the record

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LEADERS: 1. G. VEBS (Argentins), 587 ptg: 3. S. Gentried (USI, 517; 5. R. Tanner (US), 516; 4. B. Royer (USI, 517; 5. R. Tanner (US), 5. S. Mayer (USI, 182: 6. R. Rambres (Madico), 145; 7. C. Dibley (Australia), 130; 8. L. Alexander (Australia), 137; 9. L. Mottram (GB), 125; 10, R. Laiz (US), 122.

Park's sim is to win a sevens tournament before the end of the season and they have put Andy Ripley in charge. He leads out the host club in the first match in pool A against St Luke's College. The 12 clubs play in four pools of three, with the winners moving into the semi-final round. Pools

Olympic Games

# Ice hockey for withdrawals

**Grand Prix standings** 

Snooker

#### Virgo crushes opponent from Wallasev

John Virgo, 30 year-old Lancastrian and newcomer to the professional scene, pulled off a crushing defeat of Wallasey's Roy Andrewarths in the preliminary round of the World professional snooker championship, at Homelow Civic Centre.

Virgo, the current British Open champion, who was playing for a place against John Dunning, in the qualifying round which-starts today, had breaks of 79 and 72 in the 10th and 12th games. respectively and established a 11—1 winning lead, in the match-being played over 21 frames.

Virgo, known at his Salford club-as "Mr Perfection" showed greater confidence and composure than his opponent who paid dear for too many crucial errors.

# The night sky in April

Correspondent

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Mercury will be at greatest elongation east on the 10th, when it will not set until two hours after the Sun; a spring elongation is the most favourable time for seeing the planet in the evening. As it is brighter before elongation, observation should begin a week or so ahead, say about the 3rd. Half an hour after sunset on that day its approximate position will be true bearing 250° (just north of west) and altitude 11°; magnitude -0.7; inferior conjunction on the 30th.

Venus will reach inferior conjunction on the 6th and will not be seen until the end of the month, when it will be rising about an hour before the Sun.

Mars is a morning object rising at about 05h at the beginning of the month and 03.5h at the end; the Moon is near it on the 15th.

Jupiter will still be visible lathe west after dark; the Moon in the area on the 20th and 21st.

Saturn will be readily visible until the early hours of the morning, the Moon being near it on the 25th. It will be stationary in Caucer on the 11th, and apparently so for the whole month.

Uranus will be in opposition on the 30th, when its magnitude will be 5.7. only just beyond naked eye visibility and discernible with good binoculars.

Neptune is a morning star rising above withlight. Venus will reach inferior con-

good binoculars.

Neptune is a morning star rising about midnight.

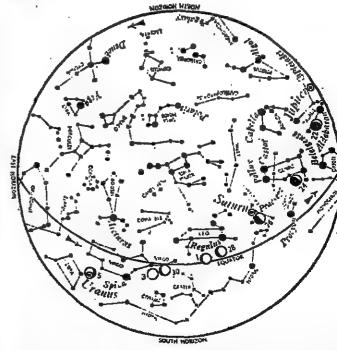
Plufo is not normally mentioned in these notes, as it is out of reach of the average amateur. It will be in opposition on the 2nd, magnitude 14, distance 29.54 astronomical units, in the constellation vireo.

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The Moon: full, 4d04h (eclipse); last quarter, 10d19h; new, 18d11h (eclipse); last quarter, 10d19h; new, 18d11h (eclipse); first quarter, 22d15h.

Algol is getting rather low for observation and the only evening minimum this month is 10d22.5h; The pair of eclipses this month are not particularly interesting. In the partial eclipse we the morning of the 4th the Moon enters the umbra at 03h30m GMT. Middle clipse when only one fifth of the diameter will be in shadow, is at 6th36m and the umbral phase ends at 05h06m, shortly before sunrise and moonsel. The eclipse of the shalow, is at 6th36m and the umbral phase ends at 05h06m, shortly before sunrise and moonsel. The eclipse of the Sam on the 14th will be annular arcross southern Africa, but no phase of it can be seen north of the Red Sea.

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The diagram shows the brighter Stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 25th (11 pm; at the beginning, 23th (10 pm) in the middle and 21th (19 pm) at the end of the month. Josef Mean Time. At place well the the beginning are those at which the the shows a policy are the than the above to one hour for each 15 deg west of

Greenwich and earlier by a like amount if the place by east. The map shou he turned so that the horizon it observer is facing (shown by the wors returned the circle) is at the bottom he south helms the centre. Greenwich helms Time. Innum to astronome as functional time and expressed it of the molations.

# When a motorist is 'at a hospital as a patient'

is the avoidance of any unseemly collision between a hospital doctor trying to treat a motorist injured in a traffic accident and a police in a traffic accident and a police officer at the same time trying to obtain a specimen of breath for a breath test. Parliament was determined that, in the period and area specified in section 8 (2), the doctor should have priority and, until the medical practitioner in immediate charge of the case gave his consent, the police officer had to stand in the wings. The Lord Chief Justice so stated when giving the court's opinion on a reference by the Attorney General of the following points of law: "(a) whether either of the questions set out below is a question of law for the trial judge or of fact and degree for the jury; questions set out below is a question of law for the trial judge or of fact and degree for the jury; if the former, (b) whether for the purposes of section 8 (2) . . . a person is 'at a hospital' when, having left the buildings of a hospital, he is within the hospital's car park which is situated within the hospital's curillage; if the answer is yes, (c) whether for ithose) purposes a person is at [that] hospital 'as a patient at a time when, after receiving treatment as an outpatient [there], he is permitted to leave and is in the course of leaving the . . hospital but has been instructed to return . . . for supplementary treatment about eight days thereafter ".

Section 8(2) provides: "If an accident occurs owing to the presence of a motor vehicle on a road . . . a constable in uniform may require any person who he has reasonable Cause to believe was driving . . . the vehicle at the time of the accident to provide a specimen of breath for a breath test . . but a person shall not be required to provide such a specimen

Attorney General's Reference
(No 1 of 1976)

Before Lord Widgery, Lord Chief
Justice, Mr Justice Eveleigh and
Mr Justice Wien
[Opinion delivered March 21]

The purpose behind section 8
(2) of the Road Traffic Act, 1972, if the avoidance of any presently

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE

General; Mr Charles Mahon for the respondent.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the respondent was driving and received injuries in an accident. He was treated in hospital as an outpatient. A constable ascertained that the treatment for that day was finished but that he would have to return in about eight days to have the stitches removed. The constable spoke to the respondent in the hospital car park and required him to take a breath test. No medical practitioner was notified of the proposal to make the requirement. The hospital would regard the respondent as a patient until his final discharge and also outpatients as being the hospital's responsibility while within the grounds, including the car park. The respondent, who took the breath test, was later found to have more than the prescribed limit of 80 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of his blood.

The trial judge had evidently taken the view that the breath test should not have been required.

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In imerpreting section 8(2) to answer the Attorney General's questions, a clear view of its purpose was essential. What lay behind section 8(2) was the avoidance of unseemly collision between the doctor and the police officer. The officer had to stand in the wings until the medical practitioner had given his consent. In order to determine the area and period of time during which the restriction cominned, both the restriction cominned, both the restriction cominned, both the staken separately. What had to be asked was whether at the time when the request for breath was made the suspect was (1) at a hospital, and (2) as a patient. The phrase "at a hospital" was not to be construed in a

# **Publication particulars** of newspaper innuendo

Fullam v Newcastle Chronicle and Journal Ltd and Another Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Orr and Lord Justice Scarman

[Judgments delivered March 24] In a libel action against a newspaper, where extrinsic facts are relied on to support a "true" or legal innuendo, justice may require that the plaintiff should fully particularize the publication relied on so that the defendants may know the nature of the case which they have to meet superially whether it the nature of the case which they have to meet; especially whether it is one which, if successful, would be likely to result in award of substantial or trivial damages.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, allowed an appeal by defendants, Newcastle Chronicle and Journal Ltd, and Miss Susan Durkan, of Newcastle upon Tyne, from an order of Mr Justice Park last December reversing a deputy district registrar who had ordered that sub-paragraphs of the smended statement of claim of the plaintiff, Mr John Francis Fullam, of Marske, Cleveland, in his libel action against the defendants be struck out.

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Mr Michael Tugendhat for the
defandavis; Mr Richard Hanriey,
QC, for Mr Fuliam.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that Mr Fullam had been a Roman Camolic priest, who by the rales of his Church was not allowed to marry. He had been a currete at Salford. In 1962 he gave up the priesthood and took to school teaching. No one thought the less of a man who became "laicized", In 1964 he married

the less of a man who become "laicized". In 1964 he married and had a child in 1965. In 1973 he was appointed deputy headmaster of a school of Redcar.

On July 21, 1973, the defendants newspaper, The Journal, published an article about Mr Fullant's appointment which said, inter alia, that he was a former Roman Catholic priest who left his parish in the Saiford diocese and later married; and that the general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters had said that he was "a renegade NAS man" who "went off very suddenly from the parish where he was a curate about seven years ago". Mr Fullam alleged that the article was a libel on him. The allegation that he was a "renegade NAS man" was properly to be left to a jury.

Mr. Fullam also sileged that the Mr. Fullam also alleged that the article imputed that while he was a priest and unmarried, he had associated with a woman and be-came the father of her child; and that was why he went off very sud-denly from the parish where he

was curate and afterwards married her. The imputation was very farfetched. No one could derive it from the article itself. It needed special knowledge.

The essence of libel was the publication of written words to a person or persons by whom they would be reasonably understood to be defamatory of the plaintiff. If the plaintiff relied on the natural and ordinary meaning of the words (a "popular" innuendo) he must in his statement of claim specify the person or persons to whom they were published, save in the case of a newspaper or periodical which was published to the world at large.

Where the cause of action was based on a legal innuendo and the plaintiff relied on some special circumstances which conveyed to some person or persons knowing

some person or persons knowing the circumstances a special defam-atory meaning, he must specify the atory meaning, he must specify the particular person or persons to whom they were published and the special circumstances known to that person or persons. There was no exception in the case of a newspaper because the words would not be so inderstood by the world at large, but only by the particular person or persons who knew the special circumstances. The court had seen the order for particulars which had been made in Morgan v Odhams. Press Ltd. ([1971] 1 WLR 1239).

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1 WLR 1239).
No ordinary reader could ever derive the imputations about "friering a child" from the article. The paragraph alleging them should be struck out unless it was amended to give particulars of the person or persons to whom the

Lord Justice Orr agreed.

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that the facts were known to some
of the newspaper's readers and
identify the readers who, it was
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Justice required that Mr Fullsm
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Queen's Bench Division

# Duty of airline when carrying animals

British Alrways Board vilggins

Before Lord Widgery. Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Eveleigh and Mr Justice Wien

The British Airways Board have a duty to ensure that animals carried on their aircraft are correctly packed, although they have no control over packing which has taken place abroad.

The Divisional Court dismissed an appeal by the board against a conviction by Uxbridge justices of an offence contrary to regulation a conviction by Uxbridge justices of an offence contrary to regulation (3(1)(b) of the Transit of Animals (General) Order, 1973 (made under the Diseases of Animals 'Act, 1950) in that being the carrier in charge of animals, namely tortoises, they falled to ensure that they were movided to the provisions of this order shall apply to animals carried on any vessel or aircraft to refrom any vessel or aircraft to refrom any vessel or aircraft and apply to animals carried on any vessel or aircraft to refrom any vessel or aircraft are provisions of this order shall apply to animals carried on any vessel or aircraft to refrom The Divisional Court dismissed an appeal by the board against a conviction by Uxbridge instices of an offence contrary to regulation \$(1)(b) of the Transit of Animals (General) Order, 1973 (made under the Diseases of Animals 'Act, 1950) in that being the carrier in charge of animals, namely tortoises, they failed to ensure that they were provided with a receptacle suitable for the species being carried. The prosecutor was Mr G. S. Wiggins, a veterinary officer for the Corporation of Loadon, which has control over animals at Heathrow Airport.

arcraft.

The case turned on the proper interpretation of the Transit of Animals (General) Order. 1973. Regulation 1 stated that the order applied to Great Britain. The loading had taken place in Amsterdam. But regulation 3(3) provided that

Airport.

Mr Courad Dehn, QC and Mr Peter Goldsmith for the board; Mr Roger Cox for the prosecutor.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the tortoises for their carriage from Amsterdam to London had been put in two crates. One measured 17in by 12in and contained 120 tortoises, the other was 16in by 12in by 12in and contained 75. The tortoises were so tightly packed that some protruded from the receptacles. The justices found that the receptables were not suitable, which was a glimpse of the obvious. The board were not in control of the tortoises until after they were put on the aircraft.

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to restrict it to the wards and ing the hospital, that was part of exclude the car park. There was nothing oppressive or unreason-control exercised by the medical excinde the car park. There was nothing oppressive or unreasonable in ellowing a constable to request a sample while the suspect was making his way to his car in the car park—provided he was no longer present as a patient. The phrase " at a hospital " was appropriate to anywhere within the hospital.

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"as a patient." A postent for the purpose of section 8(2) was someone at the hospital for the purpose of being reasted. The essence of being a patient, as opposed to any other person coming on to the hospital premises, was that a patient came for treatment.

As a matter of plain English, a person who came to bospital as a patient would cease to be "at the hospital as a patient " as soon as the judge gave the jury a proper direction about the nearling of the phrase, and it was a patient would cease to be "at the hospital as a patient " as soon as the judge gave the jury a proper direction shout the steament so tame to bospital as a patient would cease to be "at the hospital as a patient " as soon in the judge gave the jury a proper direction shout in the court's opinion so far. Matters of definition, matters restriction the scope of the phrase were matters of law for the judge. If, at the end of the day, there was any dispute as to fact, the dispute was for the judge found the case was so much like treatment, which would come to an end so far as the particular visit was concerned at an identifiable time, the suspect was at the hospital as a patient would only contive them and make them think that there was something for them to the moment when any further the moment when any further the was a present of the further was something for them only only the proper for the judge found the case was so much all one way first to leave the issue to the important to the suspect was at the hospital as a patient up to the moment when any further was concerned at the hospital as a patient would only contive them and whether or not he was found of fact. It was a question of fact. It was a question of fact. It was a the judge gave the jury a proper direction about the case was been set out in the court's opinion so far. Matters of of law for the judge for the phrase, and it was the law for the judge for the phrase, and it was the judge for the phrase, and it was the judge for the ph

### Submissions of no case

Regina v Mansfield Submissions of no case to answer were considered by Lord Justice Lawton in the Court of Appeal.

HIS LORDSHIP, who was sitting with Mr Justice Cusack and Mr Justice Jupp, said that at the end of the prosecution evidence there was a submission of no case to was a submission of no case to answer on two grounds: (1) that the evidence did not establish the offences charged in the indictment; and (2) that even if there was evidence to establish the offences charged the judge should have withdrawn the case from the judy on the ground that on the prosecution evidence it would be unsafe for any jury to convict. The judge had refused to allow counsel to make his submission on the second ground.

The reason was that a submission of that isind had been held to be wrong by the Court of Appeal, and he had referred to R v Young ((48) Cr App R 292) and R v Barker (unreported, November 7, 1975). The judge's recall of R v Young must have been faulty, because that case had nothing to do with the point counsel sought to take. Nor did R v Barker deal with the problem whether counsel could make the submission at the end of the prosecution case. The reason was that a subm

and of the prosecution case.

To deal with the point it was necessary to go back a few years. The law about submissions of counsel was partly stantory, partly practice. The Criminal Procedure Act, 1898, as amended by the Criminal Procedure (Right of Reply) Act, 1894, resputated final speeches of counsel. Those statutes had no bearing on the problem whether counsel could make a submission of no case. It had long been the practice of the courts to allow such submissions. Up till the early 1960s the practice seemed to have been on the basis that there was no evidence on which, if it was uncontradicted, a ressounded jury was no evance on which, it is was uncontradicted, a reasonable jury could convict. The submission took that form because if there was evidence on which a reasonable jury could convict the Court of Criminal Appeal would not interfere. There grew up the practice of

The Court of Appeal in R v Young ruled that it was bad and should stop.

The Court of Appeal now considered whether a verdict was safe and satisfactory. It was said that since the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968, there had come the practice of inviting the judge to withdraw the case from the jury, and that storded with the trial experience of the three members of the present court. Since that started there had unfortunately been a tendency among some judges, if they thought that there was not enough evidence to support a conviction, to withdraw the case from the jury. That practice had been condemned by the Lord Chief Justice in R v Barker.

Counsel for the appellant had said that he did not intend to suggest that some of the prosecution witnesses were lying; that was clearly a matter for the jury. He was going to submit that some of the evidence was so conflicting that no conviction on it would be safe. He was entitled to say that and the trial judge had been an irregularity. It did not follow, however, that the verdict unless it was a material one, and even then only if there was a miscarriage of justice. It was clear from the transcript that the judge was opplying his mind to the question whether it was safe to let the case from the jury. Irregularity though there had been it had not overlooked that the right to make a submission was an integrit to make a submi

been, it had not been material. The court had not overlooked that the right to make a submission was an important one. A lot turned on the evidence, Counsel had been allowed to make a submission that there was no evidence, and the court was sure that ou that evidence the submission he wished to make would have been unsuccessful.

The appeal on that and other grounds, against convictions on any and mandaughter

Chancery Division

# words were alleged to have been published who had knowledge of the circumstances. The appeal should be allowed.

I Judgment delivered March 23]

A deed of March 25, 1976, executed by the trustees of settlements dated January 25, 1961, (the Hampden settlements) and April 5, 1962, resettling property subject to the Hampden settlement on the only child, Juliette, and any future children of Mr lan Hampden Hope-Modley, greatgrandson of the seventh Earl of Buckinghamshire, was held to be valid on the ground that it was for his benefit. Accordingly the settlement becomes emisted to certain transitional relief in respect of Capital Transfer Tax under the Finance Act, 1975.

Mr John Knox for the plaintiff

Finance Act, 1975.

Mr John Knox for the plaintiff trustees; Mr N. C. H. Browne-Wilkinson, QC, and Mr J. F. Child for the first defendant, Juliette Hope-Morley; Mr J. M. Price, QC, and Mr J. L. Jopling for the second defendant, Mr R. G. Hope-Morley.

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HIS LORDSHIP said that the settler was the eighth earl. He had no direct descendants, and the title passed to a cousin. The beneficiaries of the settlement were the descendants of his father, the seventh earl.

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Schedule 5, para 14, if either the settlement was brought within para 15, which provided for special irratment for accumulation and maintenance settlements in favour of persons under the age of 25 or, if an interest in possession was created, in favour of one or other of the capital beneficiaries. The trustees were also advised that the terms of clause 6 restricted them. To payments or applications of trust property for the benefit of capital beneficiaries for the time being living. That limited the beneficiaries to life Hope-Morley and his daughter juliette.

The question was whether, on true construction of clause 6, it was competent for the trustees to decide to benefit Mr Hope-Moriey by resettling trust property on his children including unburn

The essence of Mr Browne-Wilkinson's argument was that the capital beneficiary for whose benefit the trust capital was being benefit the trust capital was being paid, transferred or applied was Mr Hope-Morley and not Juliette. He was being benefited by provision made for his children. The whole range of his children came in as persons to whost he would otherwise owe a considerable obligation to make provision.

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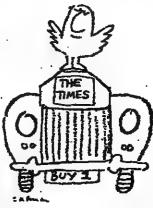
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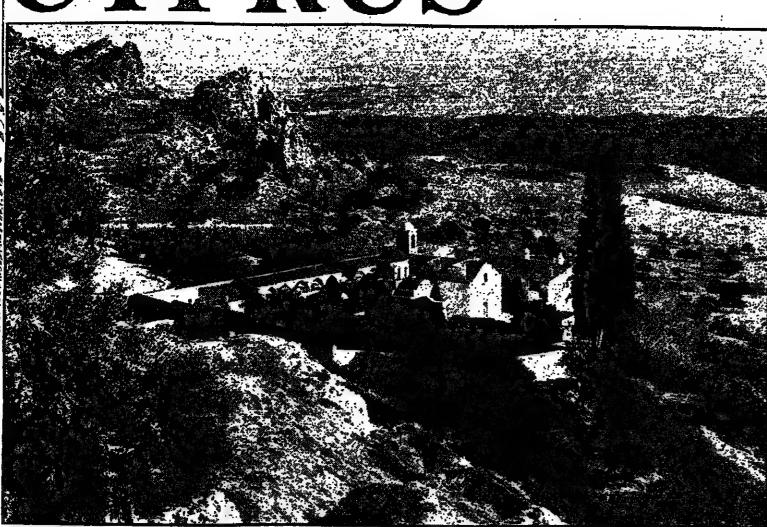
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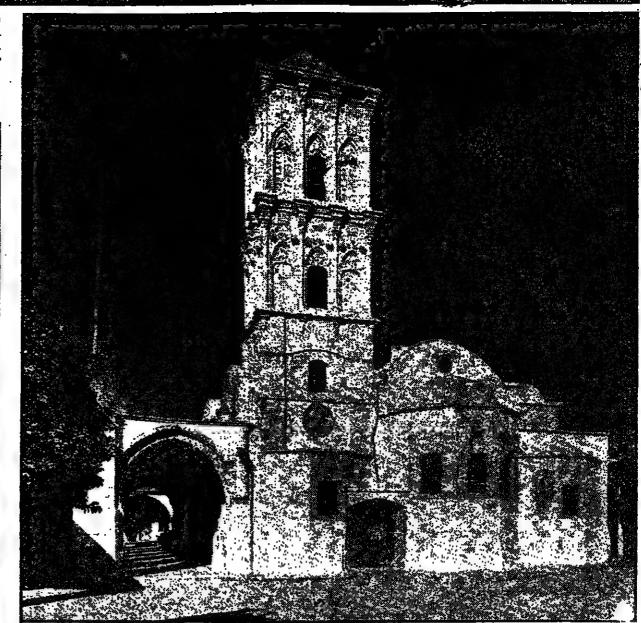
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# A time for compromise

The day after tomorrow Mr Tassos Papadopoulos and Mr Umit Suleyman Onan, the fait accomple which the representatives respectively of the Greek Cypriots were equally which the Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, will meet in Vienna to resume talks on the constitutional future of Cyprus.

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flict, have transformed the atmosphere and made all pundits more cautious in future course of the dispute.

More important, it will be was surrounded by elmost the first such attempt since unanimous pessimism. Turned the first such attempt since unanimous pessimism. Turned the best protection of the best protection of the income the

was that external pressure and interpolation, and that internelly the Turkish nationally recognized state of manoeuvre on the Cyprus issue at any rate before the general election, due in October, 1977, but which may now be brought forward to the minority community.

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Most observers assume that the change received its inspiration from Ankara and reflected the anxiety of the Turkish Government to forefrom Mr Carter.

The Turkish Government's main preoccupation in

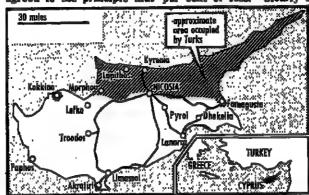
foreign policy at present is to obtain ratification of last year's Turco-American Defence Cooperation Agreement, negotiated by Dr Kissinger. The agreement, involving long-term arms credits for Turkey, is not at all popular in the United States Congress, and many congressmen and senators have made it clear they are not prepared to vote for it unless they are convinced that Turkish policy in Cvorus has been ameliora-Turco-American Cyprus has been ameliora-ted. The Carter Administra-tion has been remarkably discreet on the subject, but its attitude to the agreement is also implicitly linked to

he Cyprus issue. The Turks may have hoped that by adopting a more conciliatory tone, and more conciliatory tone, and by allowing or encouraging Mr Denktash to reach agreement with the Archbishop on the resumption of the intercommunal talks, they could persuade the new Administration that it would be wrong to delay ratification of the DCA any longer. If so, they appear to have failed. Mr Clark Clifford, President Carter's special envoy who visited Greece, Turkey and Cyprus in late February, seems to have February, seems to handled his delicate come not to prescribe solutions but to find our what existed and try to be helpful, as he said, "if our good offices are desired".

This approach had the double virtue of reassuring the Turks that there was to be no crude pro-Greek pressure (or at any rate not yet) while keeping them guessing about the DCA.

The immediate reaction has been a return to tougher positions, a tactic apparently decided on by Turkey's National Security Council immediately after Mr Clifford's visit. The hardening affects bilateral disputes with Greece in the Aegean heades the Cyprus issue: with Greece in the Aegean besides the Cyprus issue; and the recent visit of the Turkish foreign minister, Mr Caglayangil, to Moscow, should probably also be seen as an oblique attempt to put counterpressure on the United States.

The real argument at the Vienna talks is likely to concentrate on two essential issues. The first is the ter-ritorial delimitation of the two communities. Although they like to pretend the issue is still open, the Greeks now accept that the solution will have to be "bizonal" but they clearly cannot



The second issue is the degree of unity of the state degree of unity of the state to be established, or re-established. Again, both sides agree on the creation of a central federal government. But there is still wide disagreement about the powers it should have, and also about the freedom that citizens should enjoy to move between the zones and make their homes or acquire prop-erty in whichever they

Mr Denktash would like the Turkish zone to be as free from central govern-ment interference and as pure of Greek inhabitants as possible, while the overrid-ing Greek Cypriot concern is that as many refugees as possible should be allowed to return to their original

rough-and-ready compromise homes and that the Federal is needed. Government should be strong

sential unity of the state.

The fundamental predicament of Cyprus is the coexistence of two national groups whose historic loy-sities both lie outside the island, who have accumulaances and hatreds, and who in the past three years (for many of them the past 13) have abandoned any ordinary common contacts. 1974 the Turks could legit-

imately doubt whether the Greeks had the political will to overcome this problem. Since 1974 the Greeks can legitimately doubt whether the Turks have. The next the Turks have. The next few months should provide

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# Government cautious about big revival

by Robert Fisk

You have only to look down at Larnaca port from the air to realize that the Cypriot economy has not from more than £8.5m to just recovered from the 1974 war, but is thriving in a way it never did before the Turkish samy invaded the fell into Turkish hands in 1974, agricultural productive island.

which Mr Patsaides, the Minister of Finance, gave in the Cypriot House of Representatives in February, prove that the initial image is not a false one. Cypriot exports from the Greek-held part of the island were 70

cargoes of cement, potatoes, oranges and farm produce. Nicosia airport found itself in no-man's land when the Turkish advance came to an end two and a half years ago, and grass grows over its runways today. But the airstrip built above the beach at Larnaca has aiready been turned by the Greek Cypriots and international airport serving seven foreign airlines.

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Exports to Lebanon rose market.

Industry getting back on its feet

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the Turkish army invaded the island.

Ships pack the harbour stem to stern while a small queue of vessels waits in the roads to pick up their cargoes of cement, potatoes, oranges and farm produce.

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vasion and occupation, with special emphasis on export-oriented agriculture. There value of this year's combined total exports reached nearly special emphasis on export-oriented agriculture. There was a dual objective of increasing foreign exchange earnings through exports and providing work for the tens of thousands of displaced and dispossessed refuges farmers.

Despite the remarkable statistical improvement in the value of total exports, Cyprus still the spring crop).

Value of this year's combined total exports reached nearly fC8m last year, with the United Kingdom as the main between the two difficulty arises from the entry of Britain into the consequent loss of the previous preferential treatment of Cyprus wine exports. Mr A. Pierides, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, said: "The serious pass of this problem has been raised repeatedly with

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the value of total agricultural exports, Cyprus still has a long way to go before making up the losses suffered as a result of the invasion. This becomes evident in a comparison of the percentage of agricultural produce to total exports, which were. S9.7 and 57.9 in 1972 and 1973 respectively, but sank to 33 in 1976.

Mr. Frixos Kolotas, the Minister of Agriculture, said agriculture production rose by 14.6 per cent between 1971-72 and 1976. "This proves beyond doubt that the efforts of the Government. Contributed greatly to this remarkable achievement." The said Another basic contributory factor was the industriousness and willingness of Cypriot farmers and animal breeders "to discover and apply new methods as well as the close cooperation they maintained with all the departments of the cirus-producing area in Paphos irrigation project, the Ministry of Agriculture of the cirus-producing area in Paphos irrigation project, the completion of the cirus-producing area in Paphos irrigation project, the cirus-producing area in Paphos irrigation pr

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Mr Kolotas said: "Despite the adverse conditions faced by agriculture in the wake of the invasion, it continues to remain the most tinues to remain the most basic productive sector of the economy, both from the point of view of its contribu-tion to the gross annual pro-duct, and from the point of view of providing employment. Agriculture still leads in the creation of the gross

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by Alex

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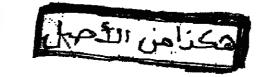
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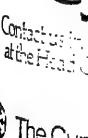


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Although the export of stolen and looted Cypriot works of art is believed to have increased considerably since the 1974 Turkish invasion, an international black market has

The haul recovered at Dover represents only a tiny fraction of the antiquities and icons known to have left the island in that time. Many others have passed through the London sale rooms and are now in collections and museums in Europe and America.

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Looted works of art exported illegally



Cyprus High Commission official interviews customs officers at Dover with the haul they intercepted.

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Cyprus authorities had denied that there was looting.

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Famagusta and Kyrenia were the two most popular front at the north destinations for British resort. detion which occurred as a into Famagusta. Kyrenis result of the events of the and the rest of the northero summer of 1974. "At the sector, the Cypriots may moment our number of adopt a more liberal civil visitors is 40 per cent of aviation policy.

What it was in 1973, the last full year before the invasion. And then we had 80 per cent more beds", Mr. F. Theodorou, director of the

# Plenty of room on the beach

In the meantime looks like being sold out for Before the 1974 invasion 1977. There is marginal fear and occupation by Turkish of overbooking, but the main forces, tourism was Cyprus's efforts of the important organization are currency-earner towards extending season, particularly Now it represents just 3 or October and November. The 4 per cent of those earn Island's traditional wine fes-ings. No amount of talk or tival, held each September, publicity effort can alter was dropped in 1974 as feathat harsh economic fact tivities were not thought when one talks to appropriate, but it is likely to be restored next October tourism officials on the marking a change of armo

island and in London the sphere and an extension o story they have to tell is of the season. "I think it is legitimate ared, to hope that Famagusta will be returned to its inhabi-by tants by 1978", Mr Theo-Has dorou said. "With Fama-Such optimism is shared, Exchange Travel, the Hastings-based tour company gusta we would treble out which sends more British hotel capacity and would be holidaymakers to Cyprus back once more as a signifi-

than any other company twice as many as its nearest competitor. At the begin this tourism is concerned is can occur only i ning of this year the company announced it was takpany announced it was take to replace those hotel rooming "registrations" for holi- lost in 1974, and until such days in Kyrenia and Fama time as the entire island is gusta in expectation of a be done only by construc-tion in the south. settlement between the com-munities which would make

those two resorts more eas- "As a tourism organiza-ily available, Exchange tion, we provide long-term believed that the resorts low interest loans to inveswould be available by sum-tors in the field, especially mer, though the company for the construction of admits that the response hotels and apartments", Mr hotels and apartments", Mr Theodorou said. Up to 70 per cent of the total construction can be made available and up to years' repayment from moment the hotel becomes revenue-producing.

Put the same question to officials of the Nicosia Government and the most they will hope for is a favourable settlement, in favourable settlement, in As a result of this tourism terms, by summer scheme, several hotel pro-of 1978. However, there is a jects are under way—at widespread assumption that Limassol, at Ayia Napa, and the handing back of Fama at Paphos. That last resort gusta to the Greek Cypriot is one the Cypriots have Government was a condition promoted strongly as "the for resumption of the internew Kyrenia", though its communal talks in Vienna. harbour area does not begin Famagusta and Kyrenia to compare with the water-

If more hotel busily promoting alternative ment accommodation is resorts and trying to make made available, and assumup for the loss of accommo-ing a free flow of tourists dation which occurred as a luto Famagusta, Kyrenia

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by Diana Patt

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terress. Coeristence is an aim said an ideal achieved has little validity. They put the total much higher, be toward in factories or restumants, but for the most per ignored.

Socially the two community in the cypriots and the same and meanwhile, means and meanwhile and does something about it field by a best propagands white for the Cypriot of the Cypriot of the Cypriot of the Cypriot of the Cypriots and the says: "Since the Turkish Cypriot community in London is much smaller and is estimated at the says: "Since the Turkish Cypriots is every word written in the British press for its puss on plays in Greek and to London as a temporary to serve this purpose.

The Cypriot immigration is now housed in a railway and are under considerable.

"Where the genuine refu-gee is concerned the Home Office continues to take a sympathetic and understand-

ington and Cockfosters They work hard and their children have a reputation among North London educa authorities for good

The oldest of these asso-ciations is the Cyprus Tur-kish Association, which has been in existence for 25 years and publishes the Weekly Turkish News. Its

known poet.
As early as 1960 in Cyprus Mr. Türkay advocated finding a common cul-ture for all Cypriots and finding common words in finding common words in the two languages, "I was attacked both by Greek Cypriots and Turkish. Those who were for cultural assimilation were labelled traitors and I was obliged to leave the country. In 1963 when the inter-communal struggle came, they said I

to university.
Mr O. F. Mustuzade, she London representative of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, is responsible for the wellbeing of the 40,000-

the wellbeing of the 40,000strong community.

The Turkish Cypriot community, Mr Muftuzade says,
is disturbed that the British
media, when reporting the
Cyprus issue, appear biased
towards the Greek Cypriot
point of view. He says:
"Many of our people have
brothers and sisters killed
in the fighting, yet the Turkish Cypriots are always
portrayed as the aggressors.
I would like the British
press to express the views press to express the views of both sides."

The community does have a number of organizations which bind it together socially. Those include student associations, an Islam association, arts and women's societies and a football federation with 16 clubs taking part in league football.

editor, Mr Osman Türkay, is also a political columnist for the Turkish morning paper, Bozkurt and a well-

struggle came, they said I was a visionary ahead of my was a visionary aread of my time. I can still pessimistic. Maybe in 2000 will come a rapprochement, but it must come from both commun-ities."



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# In incredible detail, the worst death march the world has ever seen

I did not think that I would so soon return to the subject of Cambodia, that crucified nation of which the world prefers to know nothing. But I have just read a long excerpt from a fread a long excerpt from a forthcoming book on the subject. Murder of a Gentile Land, by two American writers, John Barron and Anthony Paul. (The excerpt appeared in Reader's Digest, who are also the American publishers of the book, and to whom I am indebted for permission to quote from the work.) And what I have there seen described so far exceeds seen described so far exceeds in evil anything I have included in my own articles on Cambodia. though I had felt sure that I had learned and revealed the worst, that I am compelled to present, roday and tomorrow, further and more dreadful details of the pitiless wickedness visited upon a helpless people in the name of communism. And I fear that I have not done with the subject yet: the worst is not, so long as we can say, "This is the worst".

The magazine, in so introduc-tion to the extract, describes the meticulous research and cross-checking that went into the book from which it is taken; several hundred interviews were gooducted with refugees-in Thailand, the United States and France-in order to build up a complete picture of what has happened since Cambodia fell entirely into the communists' hands. Such verification, and an account of it, is necessary, for the revder, wading breast-his', a'trough blood as the story unfolds, must be desperate for a chance to think that it is not true, and even I, who have learned enough of what has happened there to be all too grindly sure that it is true, would dearly love to believe that it is not. For I wrote earlier that the Khmer Rouge have turned living country into a concentration camp; but this account makes plain that it would be

There have been several descriptions already of the empty-ing of Panom Penh of its entire population, including all those, however ill, in hospital; it is worth first reminding ourselves, from this new account of that particular Witches' Sabbath, before we go on to episodes beside which it becomes almost

beside which it becomes almost innocent:

Troops stormed into the Prediction of the Melea Hospital and and shouled to patients, physicians and nurses alike "Ont! Everybody act out!" They made no distinction between beliefden and ambuletory patients, between the convolescing and the dying.

Hundreds of men, women and children in pijames limped, hubbled, structed out into the streets, where the midden sun had roised the temperature to more than 100 degrees. One man carried his son, whose lets had just been ampitated. The bandazes on both stumps were red with blood, and the son was screaming. "You can't teke me like this! Kill me! Please kill me!" Jon Swein, a young British journalist were "lipping out patients like farbage into the streets. The Khmer Rouge must know that fer of the city's 20,000 wounded will survive.

That same alternoon the communists began to purge the capital of all printed matter. Rare and ancient manuscripts from temples and muscums: the records of government and business; the contents of librairs dictionaries, medical textbooks: even personal-identity cards—all were turgets. Tens of thousands of books were thrown into the Mekong River or burned on its hanks. Untold others were burned at a dump, and the libraires of Phnom Penh and Budilhist universities went up in flames.

But nobody knows, and

But nobody knows, and nobody ever will know, how many of the healthy 83 well as the bospital putients, died in what may have

The Khmer Rouge has turned this living country, with its helpless people, into a charnel-house in the name of communism

in the whole of human history within a week. all the cities of Cambodia had been emptied of their inhabitants, and a total of some 3,500,000 people forced into the jungles to fend for themselves. Here are some of the scenes that Barron and Paul

From noon ancords, the masses in the streets multiplied as com-munist troops uprooted more ond more families. In the ever-

at as brisk a pace as the congestion allowed ... soldiers cut
down ... people who jaled to
keep pace. "They would give a
jirst warning, then a second
warning then they would shoot.
Most of the ones I saw being
killed were elderly ... There
was a lorry loaded with armed
Kimur Rovge. When their truck
also couldn't move, they just
shot at the people to elect the
vay ... In all of Cambodia, a minimum of 300,000
human beings perished during
the exodus. And for the survivors, the worst was yet to come.

vors, the worst was yet to come. For some it came with almost merciful quickness: these were the thousands, perhaps tens of thousands, who were exterminated by the communists, either because they may have worked (as civil servants or soldiers) for the overthrown regime, or because they belonged to any group of people—local leaders, intellectuals and the like—who might have served to keep alive the spirit of individuality and humanity that the communists were determined to destroy utterly. So:

itterly. So:

The vehicles halted and the officers were ordered to disembark. A minute later, the soldiers along the road began shooting into the officers.

For three hours the Khmer Rouze fired into the piles of dead and dying officers.

This was only one of many organized massacres perpenated throughout Cambodia during the first days after surrender.

to his body. The women, forced to kneel, also received the simulthe communists immediately set out to externimate the entire government officer corps and management echelon of the civil scrotec. By refusing to bury the slain, the communists advertised their deeds. The communists advertised their deeds. The communists requently boasted that they had eliminated all prositution in Cambodia, and they man have been right. Less than a mile outside Sisophon a lorry driver stumbled upon one example. He saw the crumpled bodies of about 30 young women. Each had been bludgeoned to death. The lorry driver knew some of the women as prostitutes. The communists also killed some students, teachers and other "intellectuals" for no apparent reason other than the fact that they were educated. On or about April 20, troops marched the whole village [of Phum Kauk Lon] out of their huss. as the people walked among the trees, machine-gun sauels bying in ambush cut them all down, approximately 360 men, women and children. taneous bayonet thrusts, then the children and babies. And yet I meant it when, before those excerpts, I said that those who died soon and quickly

were the lucky ones. Those in the New Villages—that is, the survivors of the forced marches must the jungle—may have been tempted to envy the dead their fate, as the nature of life under communism began to be clear

ate, as the nature of the under of them.

Each arriving family was allotted a space, about five yards square, on which to build a hut. Normally, nither materials nor tools were provided. The hut completed, everybody joined the common labour force. They laboured from 5 to 11 a.m. and from 1 to 5 p.m., seven days a week—and, in some settlements, three hours at night if the moon was out. Men, women and children were segregated into separate work parties and kept about in the fields. Except during the midday break. Guards allowed neither rest nor conversation. About mici-fune, while working in the field, Ney stepned on a sharp niece of hamboo which venetrated almost cell the war through his foot. His whole let swelled, he developed a hich fever, and pains shot up to his waist. That night the field was turns berating him: "You must learn to live with pain. You must not be law, trying to get out of work." There followed a littany: New was free: New was equal: New was free: New was free: New was equal: New was free: New wa 1.000 neovic inhabited the Nort Villane of Ta Orns; about 300 clir I in lune. Sambok Ork contained 540 people when organized in late April; in luly and August they to fire died daily.

Out of roughly 860 inhabitents in Phom Scay Sar, about 150 died in the summer.

I shall continue tomorrow

all down, approximately 360 men, women and children... a tractor drove past, towing a grailer carrying a group of women aged 18 to 25. As dawn came... dong a cart track east of Khal Kabei, where all could see, were the remains of the young women. "They had been buried up to the necks", said a villager, "You could only see their heads". Each had been stabbed in the throat.... For more than a week, as the heads became swollen with putrefaction and the smell of death permeated the village, the Khal Kabei arrange a proper buriel. From the young women's appearance, especially their carefully groomed long hair, the villagers messed they were the wives and daughters of afficers and senior civil servants. On April 27, at Mongkol Borey... a squad of communist soldiers remaded in the civil servants along with their families, about 60 people in all. They bound the hands of each behind their backs...

One at a time, each official was thrust forward. The soldiers them stabbed the victim simultanemusly, one through the back.... stabed the victim simulum-nusly, one through the chest and the other through the back. . . . As each man lay dyine, his wife and children were dragged up I shall continue tomorrow.

Times Newspay rs Ltd, 1977

A voice in radio: must it always be middle-aged and middle-class?



Lord Aman: different voices?

Thousands of people of a wide range of interests and ages sent the Annan Committee their views on broadcasting. The pre-sent non-specialist advisory committees, whether of autho-rity or local station, are not intended to represent the general public. They are appointed by the bodies they serve, and they tend to be, as one of their members regretfully said, "middle-class, middle-aged and middle-brow \*

It may be that only such people are prepared to serve, and for this all praise to them. But the vivid and widespread interest in broadcasting expressed to the Annan Committee convinced Phillip Whitehead and myself that if the far wider group who had shown interest group who had shown interest could be actively involved in the broadcasting process, this would be to the public benefit as well as their own; and we agreed on a scheme we thought might achieve this.

Let us suppose that the local radio of Coketown (but it could be an authority or a regional station) was prepared to have a

Radio Coketown makes known by all available means that it is going to launch a group of associates; by publicity in puhs as well as public libraries, in youth clubs and clinics and post offices. It invites interested people to subscribe a small annual sum (say, £3) to become an Associate of Radio Coketown, offering the members newsletters and get-togethers and the opportunity to contribute opinions; and also the chance to become a member of Cokerowa's advisory. committee.

Chance is the operative word. for the associates scheme is predicated on chance; on choice by lot, a time-honoured and equiable merhod now in desugrade but surely of appeal to a nation of gamblers. And this is how it could operate.

Radio Coketown, serving community of some 500,000 people, decides it needs an advisory committee of 33 people. It invites the resignation of its present advisory committee and then re-appoints eleven of them, nominating a

chairman. Radio Coketown then selects by lot 11 members from those who have paid to become asso-ciates, so creating, for the first year of the new committee's existence, a composition of 11 experienced members and 11 first-year members from the associates

For the second year, 11 more associates are chosen by lot. bringing the committee to its full strength: that is, 11 third-vear members, including chairman, from the original commit-

year associates. At the end of the second year, the original 11 resign; the now second and third-year associates choose their year's chair-man from the third year; and

bferhaps the cabinet sees

iteelf as the TUC's

11 new first-year associates are chosen by lot.

The advisory committee is now self-perpetuating and self-managing, each member serving managing, each member serving for three years, and each year's chairman (and other officers) chosen from the third-year members by the third and second year's. Unlike the present advisory committee members, these, though each serving as an individual not a delegate. represent a hade of

gate, represent a body of actively interested people. They are informedly in touch with both their broadcasting organization and with other associates, the latter through regular newsletters and gen togethers, of which at least one should be at the annual mean ing when lots are drawn; and it should go without saying that all associates, not only committee members, will be ready to act as channels for passing on views expressed to them by friends, neighbours and col-

leagues.
Once the associates are established and have some knowledge of each other, Phillip Whitehead thinks it essential that the scheme should add an electoral element, with some committee members chosen by voting among the associates as a whole.

I am less keen; but clearly this element could be added if any group wished it.

The members of the Annan Committee who disliked the scheme did so on various grounds: that subscriptions were elitist; that the method would ancourage pressure groups; that the people attracted would still be in the middle-aged, middle-class, middle-browed and that the scheme was anyway ridiculous.

I think it wouldn't be unfair

to say that there was also dis-trust of the notion of drawing on real "ordinary people" in-stead of token ones; but to Phillip Whitchead and myself, this was the scheme's major strength. We both believe there are many "ordinary people" of all ages, classes, outlooks who much be diffident of the more or-less competitive processes of who would gladly serve if their chance of being chosen to do so was as good as anyone else's. To the objections, one answer

is trial. Success would benefit not only the people concerned but broadcasting and its audiences in general.

The pommie drongo who wrote about the new dictionary of Strine on this page last week asserted that it was written by a genuine Australian. He should eve shaken his dags and realized that New Zealanders have a monopoly of lexicography in tee: 11 now experienced second-year associates; and 11 third-own. Professor Grahame Johnston was born, bred, and educated in New Zealand, with a final polish, if that is possible after such a start, added by Oxford and the Australian National University.

# Why the EEC must say yes and no to Portugal runstely. in so doing it will aggravate the politically sensitive symptoms of the malaise. Higher taxes will curb expension over the construction but like

the world were upon the seem-ingly permanent revolution which, many feared or hoped, was turning Portugal into the Cuba of western Europe. Today, though pollucal stability has more or less returned, economic stability is as far analy as ever, and constitutes easily the bia-gest threat to the country's political future.

In fact, without continuing transfusions of foreign financial eid it is hard to see any real Kope for democracy in Portugal. Sympathetic foreigners win wish to see it survive (2s well às chose who do not particularly care) will have to pay and this applies whatever relationship Portugal escablishes with the European Economic Community.

Membership of the EEC should not be lightly extended as a reward for democracy. With a gross domestic product, per head, well below Greece's and just over half that of Spain, it is in Portugal's own interest, as much as the Community's that she be given time to exengthen and develop her industrial economy and bring it closer to European standards.

This does not mean that Fortugal should be turned away from the European Community.

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feel quite so lonely. It really is a Godsend. If only everyone who was old and louely could get to a Centre

On the contrary, her politica development eminently enritles her to participate in European political cooperation (which operates separately from the common market), and the Prime Minister, Dr. Sources, should immediately be invited to do so. Dr Soares personally in-

carnates Portugal's already intimate political ties with Europe; his Socialist Party won last April's election with the slogan A Europa conoscoknown to Europe. A former political exile in Paris. Dr Soures also has many friends and contacts in Britain. He has ship. Blackbook and now enjoys the friendship of Mr Callaghan and many others in the Labour bierarchy (although his policies of late have hardly endeared him to left-wingers like Mrs Hart and Mr Ian Mikardo).

Indeed, it is thanks in no small way to support from the Socialist International—based in St. John's Wood, London, but financially led by the West German SPD-that social democracy à la Soures came out on top in Portugal. The message to the Portuguese electorate was, and remains clear: Soares, with

remains clear: Soares,

Portugal's economic woes are a warning, writ large, to Britain

-but also a warning-of where living beyond our means could one day get us. Of course, Portugal's problems originate in vastly different circumstances; after half a century under a dictatorship run for the benefit of a narrow business and financial elite, it is not surprising that, come the revolution, there was lots more beer for the workers as Salazar's hourd of money reserves was gleefully raided and benefits belatedly distributed to the masses the poorest in the whole of Europe.

Now the minority Socialist government, harassed by a refugee problem and beset by the international recession, is struggling to cope with the inevitable hangover. Falling output, especially in agriculture, necessitated a sharp increase in imports, which have had to be paid for out of Portugal's once sizable reserves. These have dwindled almost to nothing, and the government is now faced

with an apparently unbridgeable

There is a lively and potentially

litigious four-sided circulation

war brewing among the West Indian newspapers in Britain.

Vigorous editorials alleging sellouts and berrayals are being

countered with solicitors' let-

European (and some United payments deficit and a foreign States) backing—or economic debt burden of growing magnitude and a return to dictator-tude. Industry is bedevilled by and contacts in Britain. He has ship.

a high—though recently falling heen guest of honour at a Portugal's economic woes are —rate of absenteeism, low pro-Labour Party conference ar Britain's writ large, a caricature ductivity, and a chronic loss of confidence on the part of private

> The private sector accounts for nearly 90 per cent of Portu-guese exports, and nothing much is going to happen for the economy, either externally or internally, until capital is once more persueded it is both safe and reasonably profitable to invest in Portugal. The reopening of the Lisbon stock exchange at the end of Pebruary turned out to be a farcical non-event with the floor almost empty, and the public gallery crowded with curious onlookers.

The remedies needed to sort the economy out naturally present political dangers, but the government has courageously tackled them in a way designed to share out the burden of austerity as fairly as possible.
even at risk of alienating
groups to both left and right.
Thus the better-off classes have been hit by a 60 per cent sur-

deprived in many respects, but at least they have plenty to

Who is to be the new superstar of the book-signing circuit 1 ow that Edward Heath's wrist has

at least temporarily, retired from the limelight with pen fatigue? Not, I fear, John Dean, the Watergate veteran, who drew a mere 40 or so autograph

would have attracted hundreds.

Doan, who was Richard
Nixen's legal counsel, became
one of his principal accusers
and went to prison for his

John who?

publicity.

compulsory purchase of longterm government loans as a lorced loan.

forced loan.

On the left, the government has similarly cracked down. Employers may once again dismiss workers for absenteeism; overtime has been limited to 10 per cent of the normal working week, and a 15 per cent wage ceiling has been set for this year.

Yet there is evidence that the electorate, despite a continuing fall in real wages, is reacting on the whole with maturity and understanding to

the electorate, despite a continuing fall in real wages, is reacting on the whole with maturity and understanding to these belt-tightening measures. In municipal elections, held restraint and further sacrifice, admittedly three months ago (but after the above measures), the Socialists lost a mere 2 per vated by a desire to dish the continuing the part of their after the part of the part the Socialists lost a mere 2 per cept of their thare of the poll, which fell from 35 per cent (last April) to 33 per cent. Since then however, yet another austerity package has been forced on the Portuguese government and people, this time imposed by the IMF as the precondition for a \$1500m. the precondition for a \$1,500m loan, which Source hopes to raise over the next couple of

months. The Fund wanted the escudo devalued by 20-25 per cent (Salazar must have furned in his grave yet again), but Dr Soares managed to talk them down to 15 per cent—still a more competitive country dangerously inflationary figure given the inelasticity of demand that Portugal's imminent EFC. for imports in Portugal. The whole package, which got through Parliament earlier this month, is basically designed to grapple with the underlying causes of Portugal's economic

devaluation—they will also stimulate wage claims which the government may be hard put to resist. Yet, if it falters, the army is always there to lend Voltairean encouragement. As for the left, the government hopes it will be placated by price controls, and increases in price controls, and increases in

cessive consumption, but-like

communists as much as any-

thing else.

Even on the economic front all is not gloom: Portugal's gold reserves are still considerable, although 30 per cent are foresworn as collateral for foreign loans. Higher interest rates, to be introduced as part of the new economic package, should stimulate savings, help to mop up the excessive money supply, and contribute to the revenue the government needs to finance agricultural restructuring and long-term develop-

candidature should be seen. In the short-term what she primarily needs is continuing generosity from her more for-tunately-placed neighbours; she bas; after all, earned it,

David Rudnick

# charge on luxury imports like malaise, with ultimate EEC perfume, furs and jewelry, and membership in mind: unfor-The Times Diary

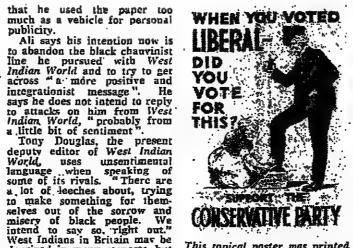
Bitter battle for black readers

ters and threats of writs, while traded with a will among former colleagues who now find themselves on separate sides in the The occasion for the outbreak of hostilities has been the faunch of a new paper called West Indian Post, edited by

B South African-born Indian, Robert Govender, and financed by a typesetting firm in south London, Kenafast Ltd. Govender was formerly deputy editor of the oldest established weekly serving the West Indian comin Britain, West Indian World, and subsequently editor of a new venture called Carib-

Kenafast, whose directors are wo white Londoners, Anthony Bloomfield and Terence Han-cock, did typesetting in the past for both West Indian World and Caribbean Post, and claim to have lost money on both accounts. Their backing for Govender's West Indian Post has been denounced as white domination in both the other

papers.
To complicate the picture a former editor of West Indian World, Arif Ali, says he is shortly to start regular publication of yet another paper, West Indian Woice, published in conjunction with a black self-help organization called West Indian Conservation with a black self-help organization called West Indian Conservation with a black self-help organization called West Indian Conservation with a black self-help organization called West Indian Conservation with a black self-help organization called West Indian conservations. Concern. Ali, who claims still to own a controlling interest in bunters to his personal appear-West Indian World, was none the less dismissed from the bookshop yesterday, where the chitorship of that newspaper in massive of music and boats what the workers co-operative who now run it call a "drama-tic coup". Their allegations against him were that he spent too long in the Caribbean and



This topical poster was printed for the Dartford Conservative Association some 50 years agu. It was sent to me by R. L. Bristow of Folkestone, a director of the company which printed it. One of his colleagues found it while working through some old files.

trouble, appears to have survived his ordeal well. He looked relaxed and wore a light tau, probably from all the television lights he has been sitting under recently. The shop, which also sells records, played a selection of music, including We Are The Bold Gendarmes, to accompany his hour-long signing.

He did not appear distressed by the modest turnout, and told my reporter that everyone told my reporter that everyone tings kept by Bobe Daniels.

he had spoken to who had already read his book. Blind Ambition, liked it. The shon manager thought the price of the book, £4.75, had kept the crowds away; the previous week the shop had been crowded for Quentin Crisp's signing of his 75p paperback edition of The Naked Civil Services. Naked Civil Servant,

After his appearance on the Russell Harty ITV chat show at the weekend, in numerous radio interviews yesterday, and ou BBC's Tonight last night, Dean is to spend the rest of the weck touring the provinces promoting his book on local radio and tele-vision stations. Judging by the small popularity of his personal appearance, I wonder whether the media have an eurhusiasm for picking over the Watergate bones that is not shared by the rest of you?

#### Film notes The British Film Institute's in-

formation and documentation department, now handsomely re-housed next door to Foyles in Charing Cross Road, is hoping Charing Cross Road, is hoping to add to its collection of papers and documents belonging to film immortals by acquiring those amassed by Sir Carol Reed, the director. They are negotiating with his widow to reach the kind of legal agreement they have with Sir Michael Balcon, whose collection is Balcon, whose collection is beginning to reach the depart-ment, reducing the stack in his garage.

Sir Carol died last year and his papers would much enrich the BFI's records. Sir Michael's include personal letters and telegrams which nobody can see without his permission. The new BFI premises have plenty of shelf space and the staff have been dusting off material which has been in store like the massive volumes of press cut-



Take a pick

My reports of the distribution, for Trotskyist factional pur-poses, of pens with ends shaped like pick-axes or ice-axes, has left me better off by two writing implements and a photograph.
A Reigate reader sent me the stub of a pencil with a pick-axe end, bought several years ago The director of the Beamish open-air museum in Co. Dur-ham has sent me a pen shaped like a "Beamish bolt", which seems connected to my theme

only loosely. A number of readers, though, have written to say that the whole project is mosconceived. They surmise that what Trotsky was killed with was not an ice-

axe, as represented on the pen I illustrated, but a small domestic ice nick as used by barmen to break bits of ice. A Cambridge reader wonders what anyone would be doing with an ice-axe in Mexico City. and points out that the smaller implement would be easier to conceal beneath an assassin's

All of which sounds plausible, except that the latest edition of Encyclopaedia Britamica says Trotsky was killed with an "alpine axe", which rules out the domestic variety.

#### Strange

Lord Donaldson, Minister for the Arts, is much in demand at

find for supporting the event was that "London is so full of tourists that we've got to fin somewhere to get them out". Of Janet Baker, the chief attraction this year, he said she "turns up in places that you wouldn't expect to find her".

After delivering this less than

The Post Office does not change. The Ripon Gazette and Observer reports: "The build-up of long queues at Ripon Post Office during the lunch base have been continued to the lunch to the lunch continued to the lunch to the lunch continued to the lunch co which has brought many complaints from customers, may

poicou of feral.

Marghanita Laski

functions promoting worthy artistic events, but he does behave strangely. Yesterday he was at the London launching of this year's Chichester Festivities (nor called a festival to avoid confusion with the Festival The main argument he could

enthusiastic recommendation he announced that he would have to leave. "I have", he declared mysteriously, "a wife waiting in a dress."

solved by closing the building during this peak period".





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# LIKE THE WATERGATE WHITE HOUSE

Mr John Dean's book on Watergate, Blind Ambition (Simon and Schuster), was published yester-day and will be reviewed in Thursday's Times. His book is an extremely interesting, if inevitably disturbing, account of Vatergate by the man who was both the coordinator of the cover up and then the principal witness in its disclosure.

The story of Watergate is well enough known, though Mr Dean is a particularly well placed wit-ness to what occurred. The most disturbing disclosure in his book is not the story of Watergate itself because we knew that already. It is the revelation that the legal processes of the Watergate prosecution were as manipulative, though certainly not as criminal, as the process of the

cover up.
The White House tapes had already accustomed us to the idea that conversation between the President and his principal sides was conducted in vulgar and conspiratorial language. What is surprising is that Mr Dean reports conversations with his own defence Counsel and prosecutors which have exactly the same tone. There is a crude and cynical pseudo-toughness about these conversations which is significant because it is natural language in which to manipulate the law and very inappropriate language in which to conduct legal business scrupulously and

Mr Dean's Counsel, Mr Charles Shaffer, had been one of the Counsel engaged by Mr Robert Kennedy as Attorney-General to prosecute the late Mr James Hoffa, the trade union leader who was convicted of criminal uffences, imprisoned, released and subsequently murdered. One Mr Shaffer's colleagues in the Hoffa prosecution was a Tennessee lawyer, Mr James Neal, who became one of the members of the Special Prosecutor's Office

during Watergate. This is Mr Dean's account of Mr Neal discussing the Hoffa prosecution with Mr Heary Ruth, who had by that time become the Watergate Special Prosecutor. Their conversation took place at the court house during the main Watergate trial.

"You know, Hank, I sure do wish that I could make old John Ehrlichman think we have him on tape. That's what I did to poor old Jimmy Hoffa at the Chattanooga trial, It was a hell of a sight. That damn Hoffa was a good liar. One of

the best I've ever seen. Hell of a witness. But we did a job on him, I had an agent carry electronic equipment in and out of my office at the courthouse. Fancy stuff, with the wires hanging out all over the place. Every day for weeks. In and out. We tried to time It so he'd walk right past Hoffa in the morning and again in the afternoon. He finally took the bait. One day he stopped his lawyer and got all excited. He pointed at the agent. 'Goddamit', he yells. 'See it! See it! I told you they were bugging me!' After that he was no good as a witness. Shit, he went tighter than a drum. Lost his spark. That was nice. We outfoxed that old bastard. Kind of clandestine, you know ". he drawled.

If that was the atmosphere of the Special Prosecutor's office. there are also more substantial matters to be considered. The whole Watergate prosecution turned on immunity bargaining, that is to say negotiation with witnesses to provide immunity in return for their evidence, and plea bargaining that is to say on negotiations with witnesses to allow them to plead guilty to a lesser offence if they provide the evidence that was required, and even, as it would appear, on the use of manipulation of sentences by the presiding judge in order to make sure of

We are accustomed to think of Judge Sirica as one of the heroes of Watergate. It appears from Mr Dean's book that Judge Sirica sentenced Dean to one year to four years in prison on a charge to which he had pleaded guilty, heard Dean's evidence against Mr Haldeman and Mr Ehrlichman—evidence which lasted for eight days in the witness box-and then heard a motion for a reduction of sentence and allowed Dean to go

evidence.

free. When one takes into account Judge Sirica's use of extremely heavy sentences to put pressure on the original Watergate burglars, it is natural to suppose that the original Dean sentence was intended to nail him as a witness.

Mr Dean certainly gave his evidence against his co-con-spirators hoping that he had a chance of having his own sentence reduced. Judge Sirica gave Dean a heavier sentence than he had given Mr Magruder or even Mr Colson, who were both more gravely implicated than was Mr Dean. His Counsel, Mr Shaffer, at the time of that sentence commented in typical dry American legal language: "Listen, we've only ninety days from today to file a motion for reduction of sentence. Maybe the bastard will reconsider. He knows you're key witness in the cover up trial." But if the effect of Judge Sirica's sentencing practice was in any way to intimidate or manipulate the key witness, it would follow that the co-conspirators did not receive a

Mr Dean's book is an indict-ment of the ethics of legal practice in the United States. The lawyers employ methods of conspiracy to manipulate the law whether they are engaged in cover up for the White House or in prosecuting the White House. Their one concern is to win. As Mr Dean moved from one camp to the other, there was little or no change in the tone of his conversations or in the ruthlessness of the manipulation. Of those culpably involved in Watergate, ten, Messrs Mitchell, Strachan, Ehrlichman, Dean, Mardian, O'Brien, Parkinson, Colson, Bitt-man and Kalmbach were lawyers. The prosecutors of Watergate were not involved in criminal conspiracy, and some were not open to reproach, but the ethical and professional, standards of those Mr. Dean got to know best also seem to have been based on the doctrine that the end justifies the means. As one of the prosecutor's staff observed: "We're like the White House. You ever think about

### THE RIDICULOUS LEVEL OF BRITISH TAXATION

Laureare, Dr Crick, has already gone into tax exile in the United States and that another, Dr Perutz, is contemplating a similar move serves to remind us of the nonsensical state of our personal tax structure. The particular financial problems of these eminent British scientists are of less importance than the way in which they symbolize the

In any country like the United Kingdom, or Sweden, after decades of increasingly progressive taxation financing rising public expenditure, the very rich are going to have inevitable income tax problems. The top marginal rate of tax now stands at 98 per cent on investment income and 83 per cent on earned. At this level, and even if the ceiling were substantially reduced, there will always be those who think it sensible to arrange their affairs through tax

Arab boycott of Israel

Middle East Trade

From the Chairman and Deputy hairman of the Committee for

Sir, There has been an abundance

of public comment recently on the

boycott, the latest example being

the major article in your issue of

March 23 contributed by Mr

Malcolm Rifkind, MP. This article

deserves a reply both because it is

based on a false premise and

because he misjudges the effect of

At the centre of Mr Rifkind's

argument is the statement that There is no doubt that British

firms would welcome an early government initiative". The daily

contacts of our committee members

with British exporters convince us

that this is not so. Any departure

from HMG's current posture, that British firms should be guided by

their own commercial judgment in dealing with problems posed by the

dealing with problems posed by the boycott, would be generally unwelcome because it would frustrate exports to Arab countries to an extent far exceeding any possible compensating gain in trade with Israel. Britain's sales to the Arab countries totalled £2,554m in 1976, up 33 per cent on 1975 and 400 per cent higher than 1972, the last complete year before the oil shock.

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The corresponding figures for Israel

are £249m, 5 per cent and 86 per cent. Three years ago only 28 per

cent of United Kingdom imports

from Arab countries were covered

by United Kingdom exports; and

yet by the end of 1976 73 per cent

of all our imports from Arab coun-

tries were covered by exports. We

are therefore moving rapidly toward balancing our trade with the Arab world. But the balance is not really

the point at issue; we need our imports and can pay for them only

by increasing our exports where the

HMG has made it clear that it

disapproves of all boycotts, includ-

ing this one. Business men feel the same way. But this boycott is

a current fact and it will take a

major political settlement to remove

brought nearer by governmental

Such a settlement would not be

opportunities lie.

the actions he recommends.

News that one British Nobel havens of one sort or another, or submit to some degree of tax

> In the process the country almost certainly loses more than it gains. First there is the social loss of the contribution which these individuals could make to society in the widest sense, if they were to continue to make the United Kingdom their main base. The socialist stereotype is that very high income is almost exclusively associated with inherited wealth and a particular social class. In fact, many tax exiles are actors, entertainers, writers and others the benefit of whose more permanent presence in the country is not in dispute. There is, too, almost certainly a straight loss to the Exchequer in that confiscatory tax rates serve simply to drive the whole of an income overseas, which might otherwise have remained to be taxed at more moderate

With Dr Crick, however, the

porters, still less by introducing legislation requiring them to act against what they, who after all are best placed to judge, perceive to be their best commercial choice. The action Mr Rifkind wants would be action of the legislation of th

The action Mr Kitkind wants would merely disqualify British firms capable of winning a good share of rapidly expanding Arab business from competing for it. Contrary to his claim the denial of present commercial choice could protect neither British trade nor British citizens, who all release over them.

who all rely on our export success.

maintain its present policy. On com-

mantain its present points. On commercial grounds the only justification for such measures as Mr Rifkind advocates would be if they led to an immediate collapse of the boycont or its non-application to British firms. Neither can be conceived likely. Meanwhile for exporters, who makes mike years progressories in this

who unlike many protagonists in this argument have profit and loss accounts, employees and share-holders, moralizing could be very

SELSDON, Deputy Chairman, Committee for Middle East Trade,

The British Government should

problem is not one of fabulous income or wealth. It is that the combination of enforced retirement from Cambridge at the age of sixty-five, the recent five-year freeze on academic salaries and the 1974 changes in the treatment of income earned abroad have together led him to the conclusion that it is no longer sensible to remain in the United Kingdom. He has, therefore, migrated to the Salk Institute in California. If he remained in the United Kingdom some threequarters of anything he earned on periodic forays, say, to the United States would be taxed at his full United Kingdom rate.

That such a distinguished scientist in the latter stages of his career is forced to such a conclusion, because he is unable to provide a satisfactory income r the remainder of his life, should give Mr Healey pause for thought. If, today, he can begin the process of restoring sense to the tax system, it will not be a moment too soon.

huffing or coercion of British ex-

of racial hatred, have implications equally as serious. Resolutions equating Zionism with racism not only result in the appellation racist" being laid at the door of every supporter of Israel, but have also led to a denial of the demo-cratic rights of some Jewish stu-dents. The worst example of this has occurred at Salford University, where the Jewish society has not merely, as your reporter put it, "had certain disabilities imposed upon it "—that society has been for-bidden to organize open meetings

on the university campus. Last. December, the National-Union of Students policy of denying a platform to racists and fas-cists was invoked against Sir Keith cists was involved against ame policy turned against Jewish students. The question we must ask is who question we must ask is

We fail to see how the cause of which our opponents claim is their final goal, can possibly be advanced by silencing us. Are our views so dangerous or so evil that they cannot be heard? In any exent their present factics must cause con-cern, not only to Jewish students but to all those who care about

democracy. Yours faithfully, SIMON CAPLAN, Chairman, Union of Jewish Students, ALAN ELSNER, 1/2 Endsleigh Street, WC1.

#### Jews at universities

Yours faithfully,

33 Bury Street, St James's, SW1.

LIMERICK, Chairman,

From Mr S. Caplan and Mr A.

Sir, We are writing in order to correct the impression given by your article published on Saturday March 19. It is true that Jewish students are growing alarmed at what appears to be a developing trend on some university campuses. However, to describe this trend as anti-semitic would perhaps lay us open to a charge of sensationalism. Though isolated instances of anti-semitism have occurred, as in the case of Sussex University recently, where copies of the infamous "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" were offered for sale on the Islamic Society bookstall, this is far from being the

general rule. However, the attacks we are fac-ing, though perhaps not inspired out

#### Positions closed

From Mrs Bronwen Brindley Sir, It is gratifying to read in our local paper that the Post Office is considering an ingenious method of dealing with its problems.

"The build-up of long queues at Ripon Post Office during the kunch hour, which has brought many complaints from customers, may be solved by closing the building during this peak period." Yours faithfully, BRONWEN BRINDLEY, The Steadings, Galphay, Near Ripon. March 23.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

the role played by the "extremists" within each of the major coalitions

must not be underestimated. For, in

supporting a major party, the voter can feel both that his vote is not

wasted and that change, even radical change, but without revolution, is always possible, thanks to the stimulus of the "extremists" acting

sir, One of the more significant revelations of the pact concluded between Mr Steel and Mr Callaghan appears to have been largely overlooked. It is that, when it comes down to it, the "moderate" members of the Labour Party and Covernment have on major issues

Government have on major issues of policy, from direct elections to taxation, far more in common with

the Liberals than with their own

left wing. (In connexion with this the exchanges between Mr John Mackintosh and Mr Norman Arkinson on the BBC Tonight pro-

The chances of the fundamental realignment of British politics that many of us have long thought desirable are thus substantially increased.

Sir, Might it make sense, before passing judgment on the Labour-Liberal pact, to wait and see what actually happens? If both sides really try to make it work, it might result in a period of government along lines which would appeal to those of us—and I think there are quite a few—who have little sym-

quite a few—who have little sym-pathy with the policies advocated either by Mr Wedgwood Benn or Sir Keith Joseph. Yours faithfully,

Sir, As one who stands on the right of the Liberal Party, I would always view with concern any deal with

the Labour Party.
However, my initial disappointment at the lack of concessions we obtained has gone with the sudden realization that the Liberal Party is

probably the only one which can stop the inroads that the far left are making into the Socialist Party and consequently the government

M. R. ROSE, Chairman, Tennton Constituency Liberal Party,

Sir, Now that we Liberal voters are willy nilly in the Labour camp, will Mr Steel tell us, publicly, whether we support the unspeakable wickedness of the Labour Party policy of starving hospital patients in furtherance of some petty industrial dispute? (The Times, March 26, p 1, col 1.) It is important that we know

col 1.) It is important that we know just how low we have sunk under Mr Steel's leadership.
Yours faithfully,

Sir, May we know the Liberal

Party's views on whether Menunore and its art treasures should be

preserved for the nation through acquisition by the Land Fund? Yours faithfully,

gramme were most illuminating.)

Yours faithfully,

March 26

HENRY LAWSON, 10 Copse Way, Highcliffe-on-sea, Christchurch,

From Mr Charles Gifford

CHARLES GIFFORD.

From Mr M. R. Rose

of the country.
Yours faithfully,

Levland Hayes, Wellington,

PHILIP JONES.

53 Kingsway,

Orpington,

March 26.

Somerset. March 25.

Cob House, Saxmundbam Road.

Aldeburgh,

ALAN SINGER

March 23.

94300 Vincennes,

10 rue Charles Pathé,

From Mr N. H. P. Lawson

#### Liberal support for Labourand subsequent stable government,

From Dr Robert Lefever Sir, As Mr Callaghan rightly pointed out, there is more to government than the passage of Bills through Parliament. This has not been

changed by the Labour/Liberal working arrangement. What has been changed most profoundly is the identity of Liberalism as a philosophy, Millions of electors voted Liberal fully knowing that their local candidate stood little chance of election. They had the

chance of voting Labour or Conservarive but chose not to do so. Liberal leaders and party activists may be impatient for power and influence but they have forgotten that their voters made the deliber-ate choice of Liberalism even in those constituencies where a lost deposit was almost inevitable. How should those voters now react to being told that politics is about

A Liberal vote was never wasted A Liberal vote was never wasted until now. It was a statement of one's beliefs. If those beliefs were worthy of adherence, then progressively more people would come to hold them and power and influence would be the deserved result.

As it is, Liberal MPs have come

to accept the two-party system that they campaigned against. A vote for the Liberals now would indeed be wasted because it means nothing in its own right.

ROBERT LEFEVER. 1 Malvern Court, Pelham Street, SW7.

From Mr Alan Singer Sir, Mr David Green's proposals (March 23), advocating the isolation of the main parties' extremists followed by a realignment of the remaining centre moderates, seem not to have been inspired by political reality. An acquaintance with the French experience, dating from the election of Valery Giscard d'Estaing as president in May 1974, and culminating in the results of the nunicipal elections of March 20.

might serve as a warning to all advocates of "moderate centres" or "governments of netional interest".

Notwithstanding the obvious differences between the British and
French political situations and governmental systems, three points clearly emerge. First, reasonable, moderate, reformist policies do not attract the great mass of electors, contrary to the current popular wiscontrary to the current popular wis-dom. Giscard, a genuinely middle-of-the-road politician, despite the continuing attempts of the opposi-tion to braud him as an old-style reactionary, saw his "centrist" aspirations crumble in the astonish-ing nationwide swing to the left in the municipal elections of March 20. the municipal elections of March 20. The failure of his officially spon-sored candidate for the seat of Mayor of Paris can be considered as a personal setback for the President in his promotion of moderate policies. Significantly, it is the leader of a traditional party, one leader of a traditional party, one whose history and policies are known and understood, who is to become Mayor of Paris. Jacques Chirac and the Gaullists are as real and familiar to the Frenchman in the street as James Callaghan and the Labour Party are to the British voter.

This is the second point worth noting: the electorate distrusts a too-

recent regrouping of politicians across established party boundaries, may be. Anachronistic as it may seem, the notion of party loyalty apparently still holds some sway with the public.

The third conclusion to be drawn

is that any political party which has aspirations of appealing to a signifi-cant proportion of the electorate must not allow itself to become too homogeneous in either its policies or in those personalities who are its driving force. To obtain popuits driving force. To obtain popularity, a party must embrace a stimulating diversity of views and opinions in order to reflect the diversity of those whose electoral support it needs. In France, the image of the centre parties is dull in contrast with that of the patriotic, flercely independent Gaullists, or the equally patriotic, but mildly revolutionary Socialist Communist alkiance. As always, when people feel a need for change, it is the centre which is squeezed out, while the broad, traditional coalitions of left and right form the main poles of

attraction.
In this process of electoral polyeization, which alone is capable of producing a clear majority

sovereign republic within the Com-monwealth, because there was at

that time no example to follow. But he is wrong in saying that this choice was made possible by the British Nationality Act, 1948.

The choice was in fact made possible not by this country alone

but by an historic agreement between the Prime Ministers of the

Commonwealth recorded at a

Conference preceding the establishment of the Republic of India in 1950. By this agreement, any former British dependency could elect to remain within the Commonwealth

as a sovereign republic provided that it accepted the Crown as the symbol of Commonwealth unity. I have often regretted that this choice was not available to Burma in 1948. Yours faithfully,

Sir, Mr Euoch Powell, in his letter

today (March 23), and your obituary

on Sir Reginald Dorman Smith

Although, as Mr Powell points out, The Burma Act, 1947 preceded

the British Nationality Act 1948, which enabled India to remain a

member of the Commonwealth on

her terms, nevertheless Pandit

Nearu announced his intention to keep India in the Commonwealth before the Burmese had taken their

After Nelsru's announcement,

General Aung San, Burma's young

leader, withdrew to his house for two days to consider his position in

LISTOWEL, House of Lords.

From Mr Rodney Drake

(March 22) are both right.

final decision to cede.

the light of it.

The Burma Act .

From Lord Listowel

Flat 1, 10 Bury Street, St James's, SW1. March 26. We shall never know which con-

GAY TREGONING,

From Miss Gay Tregoning

clusion he came to because he and most of his Executive Council were Sir, Mr Enoch Powell is right in saying in its letter of March 23 that when Burma became indepen-dent it could not follow the example of India in becoming a assassinated as they sat round the council table—probably in debate on this very subject.

I am, Sir, etc.,

RODNEY DRAKE, Far Leys, Warwickshire.

## Collective bargaining

From Mr P. Strover Sir, In your leader of March 22 entitled "New Cambridge Fallecies" you outte correctly diagnosed the kernel of Britain's problems as "coexistence of collective bargaining with full employment". What then is the remedy? Is it

unemployment or the curtailment of collective bargaining? That is the real choice, but how many politicians or economists will face up to it? Yours truly. P. STROVER. 18 St Clare Road,

#### Spring flowers

March 23.

From Miss Joyce Grenfell Sir, May I say thank you through your column to those responsible for the displays of spring flowers in London this Jubilee Year. Not only are the parks a sight to see but so are local plantings; in par-ticular some beds visible from a 22 bus in the High Holborn area, near St Pauls. Lovely! Yours sincerely, JOYCE GRENFELL,

Flat 8, 34 Elm Park Gardens, Chelsea, SW10.

### BBC reporting of Northern Ireland

From Mr Josias Cunningham Sir, In a letter in your issue of March 22, Sir Michael Swann, FRS, Chairman of the BBC, endeavours to explain the corporation's policy towards reporting and comment in Northern Ireland.

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Plausible though his explanation Plausible though his explanation may seem, he can hardly be unaware that within Northein Iteland the BBC has come to be regarded as highly partisan and tendentious in much of its coverage of events. This background of dissatisfaction left Entle readiness in the Ulster public to show towards the incident of the O'Connor interview the degree of patience that might degree of patience that might otherwise have been forthcoming.

Since the BBC, unlike a newspaper, presents a passing show which others cannot easily monitor, record or examine afterwards, it is easier for its governors to conduct its defence than for a member of the public to set forth an adverse criticism of it. Nevertheless, there are several points to which I should like to draw attention.

In his letter, Sir Michael himself reveals one fundamental element of bias which has emerged over and over again on EBC programmes, for be keeps referring to "both communities" and "the two com-munities" in Northern Ireland. This is senerally understood as implying is generally understood as implying an identity of religious with political affiliation which has been peither historically nor currently the predominant political reality. During the forty years from 1929 to 1969, while the Roman Catholic vote was around 34 per cent of the total, the vote for the Nationalist and Republican group of parties and candidates (those seeking the incorporation of Northern Ireland in the Irish Parublical present calls.) the predominant political reality in the Irish Republic, averaged only 14.6 per cent of the vote in all Northern Ireland general elections. Recent polls and surveys referring to this very fundamental issue show that, through all the confusion of other issues during recent years, this proportionate orientation of opinion has remained fairly cou-

Stant. The effect of the BBC's repested references to these supposed two communities" and the translating of numerous party-political issues into terms of religious denomination has falsified much Ulster news and comment and; like Pranco's famous reference to the "lifth column" in Madrid, must have served as an increase.

incitement to some very irrational, and tragic killings.

So far as my own party is concerned, the BBC in its news bulleting has again and again, and in spite of corrections from us, described in the spite of the spit cribed Unionists at not prepared to share power with Catholics. This is wholly untrue. What we have not been prepared to do is to join in the same government with any party or persons seeking to end the Union. Nor have we rejected "power sharing" in general prin-ciple, since we supported the Con-

stitutional Convention's proposals embodying substantial power-sharing features through the devolution of much cabinet power to parliamen-tary committees on which govern-ment and opposition could equally,

participate. We are repeatedly assured that there is a war in progress in Ulster. As in 1939-45, the two sides in that war are seen here as being those who attack the United Kingdom and those who defend it. In the light of these circumstances and of that view, it would be naive for the governors of the BBC not to appreciate that some of their program are bound to arouse some hostility and suspicion among those close to the front line.

Yours faithfully J. CUNNINGHAM, Chairman. Executive Committee, Ulster Unionist Council. Unionist Headquarters, 41-43 Waring Street, Northern Ireland. March 24.

From Mr Eugene Wason Sir, I don't know how often Mr John Biggs-Davison has been to Northern Ireland since the troubles started in 1969. I spent five years working in the centre of Belfast, editing the Belfast Telegraph (1969-74). It is a gross over-simplification to suggest, as Mr Biggs-Davison does in his letter to you (March 24), that the two communications nities there consist merely of the law abiding and the terrorists. There are two distinct communities in Northern Iteland, whether Mr Biggs-Davison likes it or not, and the BBC is right to recognize the fact. Indeed for anybody working in Northern Ireland it would be im-To tealize the truth of this Mr Biggs-Davison need only ask him-Biggs-Davison need only ask him-self one simple question: why did the power-sharing executive fall in the summer of 1974? It fell because one section of the community refused to share power with the other section. Neither of these sec-tions falls under the labels of "law abiding" and "terrorists".

I watched the controversal To-

night programme on television, and was happy I did not have to pronounce judgment on it the next day. It worried me because I know what tramendous strides the RUC bas man under its past four Chief Constables to become an impartial police force. Nevertheless, I mought poute force. Nevertheless, I mought the programme was impoccably presented and that it was right it should have been shown. When I read a few days later that an 18-year-old constable had been shot dead, I was not so sure. That is the way it is in Northern Ireland. One is so often regretting later what one published a few days before. Yours faithfully.

FUGENE WASON,

#### Doctors and the economy From Dr T. F. Mortimer

Sir. Mr Rudolf Klein, in his letter published today (March 24), makes at least one false assumption. He suggests that to reduce the relative make it possible to employ more of them. The relative earnings of senior doctors, and particularly of consultants have been failing sharply for several years. The consequence has been an equally sharp decline in the numbers of suitably qualified medical graduates coming forward for specialist training, which is must serious in those specialties least favoured in econo-

mic terms. Mr Klein has failed to take into account the resistance of a highly motivated and traditionally independent profession to manipulation through political or economic pressures. He should not underestimate the erosion of good will and the accretion of cynicism and disaffec-tion that have already taken place. tion that have already taken place. In other words, the choice is nor between relatively few highly paid doctors and more doctors earning less, but between a number of doctors well paid and a smaller number paid less. From the narrow point of view of an economist, this is an even more attractive option,

but is our society prepared to accept the consequences in terms of the care of the sick? Merely to pack the medical schools is not enough.
The enthusiasm of the underproducte is rapidly dissipated when
he is brought face to face with the real pressures of practice. tunately, a British quaktication state has a high market value elsewhere in the world, if not at home.

The output of our hospitals, in response to government policy and to public expectation, rises by 8 or 10 per cent annually. If the same could be said about our so-called producers of weekin, then him. "producars of weakin", men har Klein's letter used never have been written and he could address himself to matters that he understands better. He should, however, understand this. The conspicuous failure of our ectiony has imposed a heavy burden on the medical profession, hash personally and in the fession, both personally and in the resources available to them. They time is close at hand when a sub-stantial share of that burden must be passed on to those who, although they feil to create wealth, consistently succeed in creating ademand for medical services.

Yours fasthfully, TERENCE MORTIMER. Horton General Hospical

#### Poverty in Britain

From Mr Gup Fiegehen and Mr Stewart Lansley Sir, Your report "Pay benefit to

household rather than individual " (March 15) may have misled your readers about the nature of our article published recently in the Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. We did not, as might appear from your account, advocate the reintroduction of a household means test; our article was concerned rather with the factual question of the degree and extent of poverty in contemporary Britain.

Although we recognize that a household means test could produce savings in public expenditure, we think the balance of coosiderations is against it. Our personal view, stated a number of times elsewhere, is that even the present system of means tested benefits is far too complex for people to understand and is inefficient in delivering help to the most needy. We do not want to suggest establishing another means test which could in addition encourage the breakup of families and lead to hardship for dependent members of larger households.

In our article we showed that the average number of persons per-household rises with household in-come, from 1.1 among households with the lowest incomes to 3.5 for the top 10 per cent. It is therefore important to allow for differences in household size when comparing the incomes of the poor with those of the rest of society. However, we chose to make our compensions in terms of income per equivalent-adult, rather than income per person, because our research confirmed that the needs of adults living together are less than those living separately, and that the needs of children tise with age. Even so, include the needs of children tise with age. simply measuring income per person would produce results not too dissimilar from those we presented.

Looking at the distribution of thousehold incomes alone (or of text unit incomes, as does the Government's Blue Book) is inadequate if we wish to obtain a true of the degree of incomplication. idea of the degree of inequality of living standards. For that purpose it is essential to take account in some way—and it does not matter precisely in which way—of the size of household each income has to

Yours sincerely. GUY FIEGEBEN. STEWART LANSLEY. National Institute of Economic and Social Research, 2 Dean Trench Street, Smith Square,

SW1. March 16.

#### Time off to pray

March 24.

From Prebendary G. A. Lewis Lloyd From Prebendary G. A. Lewis Lloyd?

Sir, Further to your leader, "Nois statutory time-off to pray", I was faced with an interesting commentary on that problem during the war. Being in transit in Egypt I took my wrist watch for repair to a jeweller in Port Said, I wanted it back by the end of the week, as an Army chaplain with several services, to take needs to watch the clock. The proprietor, speaking English? The proprietor, speaking English easily, explained to me the situation thus: "You see, sir, our workment are Mohammedans or Jews or Christian Christians of the control of tians. The Mohammedans won't work on Friday, the Jews won't work on Saturdays, the Christians won't work on Sundays, so we only open Monday to Thursday."

How far this was a genuine ap-praisal of the situation, how far a facile excuse for not returning my my watch on time I never knew. I have the honour to remain, Sir, Your obedient servant, G. A. LEWIS LLOYD, 12 Windmore Avenue,



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 28: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Member of the Royal Naval Saddle Club, this afternoon attended a Committee Meeting of the Club at the Royal College of Defence Studies, Belgrave Square. YORK HOUSE

March 28: The Duke of Kent this evening opened the redesigned Chemistry Galleries at the Science Museum to mark the Centenary of the Royal Institute of Chemistry. Captain James Napier was in artichdance.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend the Royal Television Society's dinner at the Dorchester hotel on May 26.

A memorial service for Major E. C. R. Sheffield will be held in the Grosvenor Chapel, South Audley Street, W1, tomorrow, at 11:30 am.

#### Birthdays today

The Earl of Bessborough, 64; Sir Christopher Chancellor, 73; Sir Geoffrey Harmsworth, 73; Mr Christopher Hollis, 75; Mr Jack Jones, 64; Miss Sylvia Law, 46; the Hon Ewen Montagu, QC, 76; Sir John Paul, 61; Sir Horace Penty, 73; Sir John Read, 59; Sir Cecil Syers, 74; Sir Mark Turner, 71; Sir William Walton, 75.

#### Dances and cocktail parties, 1977

A list of some of the dances and cocktail parties arranged to take place during 1977 will be published on May 2 and again on July 4. The charge for inclusion in one tist will be 66 and in two lists £7. Inquiries should be made to Court and Social Advertising, The Times, PO Box 7, New Printing House Square, Gray's Inn Road, London WC1X SEZ (telephone 01-837 1234, ext. 7362).

### Today's engagements

The Duke of Kent. on behalf of the Queen, holds investiture, Buckingham Pelace, 11. Buckingham Palace, 11.

Princess Alexandra visits City of London Sea Cadet Corps on board HMS Belfast, Pool of London, 8.

Lunch-hour dialogue: Mrs Bronwen Astor with the Rev Joseph McCulloch, St Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 1.05.

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#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr M. G. Chase and Miss V. A. H. Barran The engagement is announced from Nairobi between Malcolm, elder son of Mr and Mrs Ramsay Chase, of Godalming, and Valerie, daughter of Mrs M. E. Bavran, of Hallsham, and the late Mr Richard

and Miss E. S. Prior

The engagement is announced between Keith, younger son of the late Mr A. G. Maby and Mrs L. M. Maby, of 64 Bishop's Mansions, London, SW6, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs J. S. Prior; of The Old Forge, Hayden, Cheltenham.

The marriage arranged between Mr Simon Ebsworth and Miss Joanna Nichols will not take place.

#### Marriages

#### Mr J. M. Henty and Miss V. Miller

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The marriage took place on
Saturday, March 26, at Holy
Trinity, Shoane Street, between
Mr Jonathan Henty and Miss
Veronica Miller. The Rev Kenneth
Elphinstone officiated, assisted by
the Rev A. B. Carver.

#### and Miss H. Forrest

and Miss H. Forrest

The marriage took place on Friday in the University Chapel, Glasgow, between Dr Peter McIntyre, sou of Professor I. McIntyre and Mrs McIntyre, of Shandon, Helensburgh, and Miss Helen Forrest, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Forrest, of Cardross, Dumbarton. The Rev Andrew Scobie officiated.

The bride, who was given in The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Jane Brewster and Susannah Damaé Wilkins. Mr Michael McIntyre was best man.

#### Latest wills

Mr Richard Roy Woodward, of Kidderminster, left £139,429 net. He left all his property for charitable purposes in England. Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed): Hill, Mr Charles Loraine, of Alveston, Avon, shipbuilder . £410,390 Armstrong, Dr Fergus, of Treorchy . £518,705 Lane, Mr Samuel Frederick Britton, of Devizes, intestate £150,975 Wiggall, Frances Amy, of Bournemouth, intestate . £168,080 Lawrence, Mr Henry William, of Petersfield . £105,631 Archer, Mr Clifford, of Luton £127,061

White, Mr Arnold Sinciair, of Edenbridge, stockbroker £147,322 Phillips, Mrs Daphnae Amy, of Billericay £123,508 de Kusel, Mr Stanley, of Llan-dudno £107,770 Richardson, Mrs Brenda Minnie, of Middlesbrough £117,765

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#### **The Times** Special Reports.

All the subject matter on all the subjects that matter

# Porcelain is sold for more than £1m

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent Continental porcelain from a single recently formed collection single recently formed collection was sold at Christie's yesterday for a total of £1,010,000. That is not the kind of money that kitle bits of porcelein usually command but the collection is of superb quality; it is described as the "property of a noted European collector" who is believed to be a member of the Rothschild family. Yesterday's was the first of two sales to be devoted to the collection.

of two sales to be devoted to the collection.

Christie's "great room" was packed with grand Europeaus who bid strongly, though not in general much beyond expectations. The sale contained many rare items. The presence of the complete set of 16 Italian comedy figures from the Nymphenburg factory, modelied by the great ceramic artist Bustelli and painted in colours, was perhaps the most remarkable aspect; no museum has had a complete set of the coloured figures, which are among the great creations of the German baroque period.

period.
White figures were sold by the factory in much greater numbers and it turned out that one figure of Christie's cerles was a cheet; Pantalone had probably been coloured about the beginning of this course.

coloured about the beginning of this century.

As a result of yesterday's sale, however, the Bavarian National Numerum in Munich has now completed its set. It bought the rarest pair, Harlequin and Lalage, at £50,000 (estimate £50,000 to £70,000), Donna Martina at £18,000 (estimate £18,000 to £22,000), the Abbé at £56,000 (estimate £10,000 to £12,000), Columbine at £32,000 (estimate £25,000 to £35,000), Isabella at £3,000 (estimate £12,000 to £14,000) and Ottavio at £6,000 (estimate £7,000 to £9,000). (estimate £7,000 to £9,000).

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#### Luncheons Royal College of Surgeons of England

England

Sir Rodney Smith, president of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, and Lady Smith gave a luncheon at the college yesterday to celebrate the ninetieth birthday (March 25) of Sir Geoffrey Keynes, honorary librarian of the college. Those present were:

Mr Nicolas Barker, Mr Nigel Boonham, Mr Enstace Cornelius, Professor F. M. Daniel, Mr. F. Darvissor F. M. Daniel, Mr. F. Barting, Mr. Rodney, Professor F. M. Daniel, Mr. F. Barting, Mr. Rodney, Mr. Borney, Mr. David T. Pipeg, Dr J. S. Hiding, Mr. Lefand, Mr. Rodnald Muriew, Mr. David T. Pipeg, Dr J. S. Riding, Dr Alastar B. F. Robb-Smith, Sr James Peterson Rosa, Mr. John M. Stallwardy, Mr. G. A. Taylor, Mr. Schuyn Taylor, Mr. David Trevor, Mr. Schuyn Taylor, Mr. G. A. Taylor, Mr. Schuyn Taylor, Mr. G. A. Taylor, Mr. Schuyn Taylor, Mr. David Trevor, Mr. Cocil Walesley, and Mrs. Gwensth Whitteriage.

The Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas League, Lord Grey of Naun-ton, and members of the central council entertained the High Com-missioner for Malaysia and Datin Badariah at luncheon at Over-House, St James's, yesterday.

Rast European Trade Council Rast European Trade Council
Mr John Cooper, deputy chairman
of the East European Trade
Council, presided at a luncheon
given by the council at Quagino's
benqueting rooms yesterday in
honour of Mr P. Basidkarov,
Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade,
to mark the fifth meeting of the
UK/Bulgarian Joint Commission.
The Bulgarian Ambassador was
among those present.

#### Receptions

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Sir Bernard Braine, MP, joint treasurer, was host at a reception in the Houses of Parliament yesterday given by the 'executive committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in honour of delegates attending the eighth conference of the United Kingdom and Mediterranean Region.

United Kingdom Agricultural Supply Trade Association

Supply Trade Association
The Presidents of the British
Association of Grain, Seed, Feed
and Agricultural Merchants Led
(BASAM) and the Compound
Animal Feed Manufacturers
National Association Led
(CAFMNA) gave an inaugural
reception yesterday at Plaisterers'
Hall, London, ECZ, on the occasion of the merger of their two
associations to form the United
Kingdom Agricultural Supply
Trade Association Ltd (UKASTA).
The principal guest was Mr
Edward S. Bishop, Minister of
State, Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food.

Dinner

ELLESMERE, SALOP SY12 9AB Telephone 2321 A 'WOODARD 'SCHOOL Woolnoth Society in the City of London Required for September: RESIDENT VIOLIN

The Lord Mayor of London, Commander Sir Robin Gillett, RNR, patron of the Woolnoth Society, was host at the society's annual dinner held at the Mansion House last night. The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs with their ladies and other guests were received by Mr Michael Davis, chairman of the society, and Mrs Davis, and members of the council. The principal speakers were Baroness Hornsby-Smith and Sir Jasper Hollom, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Professor Joseph Black, Head of
the School of Engineering, Bath
University, and Sir Arthur Bryan,
chairman, Josiah Wedgwood and
Sous, to be members of the
Design Council.
Mr Ellis Hillman to be a member Mr Ellis Hillman to be a member of the Inland Warerways Amenity Advisory Council.

Miss J. B. Weaver to be consultant obstetrician with special interest in foetal medicine to the Birmingham Area Health Authority, central Birmingham district.

Prospective candidate Mrs Barbara Hill, a schoolteacher, to be prospective Labour candidate for Montgomery. At the general election Mr Emlyn Hooson (L) had a majority of 3,859 in a four-cornered contest.

Musician of the year The annual award of the Incorporated Society of Musicians, "Musician of the Year" has been presented to Sir William Walton, who celebrates his seventy-fifth birthday today.

Anzac Day parade For the first time since the Rats of Tobruk Association was formed by the Australian Ninth Division shortly after the end of the Second - World War the annual Angac Day parade in Sydney will this year be led by a British conductor of the Patron of the Pa tingent drawn from the Rats of Tobruk Association (London area).



Harlequin and Lalage by Bustelli, which were sold for £60,000 at Christie's yesterday.

variation in price among the figures, all roughly 20cm high and modelled with great delicacy, is threefold: first there is the question of rarity, second of condition (both those are reflected in Christie's estimate). The third criterion is more difficult to evaluate, namely, which rich collectors already have which figures. The lowest price was, naturally enough, for the later decorated Pantalone, which made £2,800 (estimata £2,000 to £3,000).

From France there was another

£2,000 to £3,000).

From France there was another extreme rarity, a large Vincennes white chinoiserie group, a great rococo creation 49cm wide and dating from about 1745. The Louvie recently stopped the export from France of an dendical group valued at 300,000 francs, or £35,000; the group yesterday was

sold for £8,3000 to Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox on behalf of an English

record price for a Continental portrait miniature at 524,000. The price was paid for a portrait of Prince Napoleon Louis at the age of five standing in a gallery of the Chargau de Fontainebleau. He the Château de Fontalnebleau. He was the son of Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland, and Hortense Beauharnais, and the miniature dates from 1810. It was acquired by the Museum of the Chancery of the Netherlands Orders of Knighthood in The Hague. The sale of miniatures made £184,365. At Christie's South Kensington a 1950s painting of the Festival Hall, seen across the river, by Tom Keating, made £250 (estimate £200 to £300).

# Change for Scottish succession claims

By Marcel Berlins Whatever the fare of devolution, Scottish nationalism has scored a minor victory over English domi-nation in the recherche field of pre-1707 peerage claims.

The procedure for determining the succession to Scottish peerages created before the Union has been changed. Mr Peter Archer, QC, the Solicitor General, told the House of Lords Committee of Privileges yesterday.

Instead of all peerage claims for the United Kingdom being lodged with the Home Secretary and them reported on to the Queen by the Attorney General, pre-1707 Scottish claims will in future be lodged with the Secretary of State for Scottand and reported on he Scotland and reported on by the Lord Advocate

the Lord Advocate.

Purely Scottish peerages were abolished after 1707, and between that year and 1800 peerages were "of the kingdom of Great Britain". Since 1800 they have been peerages of the United Kingdom. A further change is that even post-Union peerages, where they have a sufficiently strong Stortish comexion, will be handled by the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Lord Advocate.

and the Lord Advocate.

In practice there will be little change. All disputed or unclear claims will go to the House of Lords Committee of Privileges, suyway, as they do now. It has, in any case, been the practice that although the Crown in Scottish claims has been formally represented by the Amorney General

resented by the Amories General he has withdrawn at an early stage of the proceedings, leaving the argument to be presented by the Lord Advocate.

The reason for that practice is believed to be the complexity of Scottlish succession law and the inability of English lawyers to

# Archaeology report

# North Wales: Bronze Age burials

A Brouze Age cemetery excavated A Bronze Age cemetry excessions over the past few years is to be incorporated in a "history trail" to be opened this Easter at the Brenig Dam, in Clwyd, North Wales. Its 11 monuments include a "marker cairn", four clude a "marker cairi", four turf barrows encircled by wooden stakes, a ring cairn which had been surrounded by a tree-standing circle of timber posts, a two-phase cairn with a platform of stone rubble surrounding an inner stone-circled cairn, and a kerb cairn with a surround of large granite boulders. A series of radiocarbon dates from the Harwell laboratory places the cemewell laboratory places the ceme-tery within the period 1800-1200 bc [before calibration].

The cairns were grouped in the head of the Brenig valley, where a rescue excavation was carried out before reservoir construction under the general direction of Dr Frances Lynch of the University College of North Wales, Bangor, and with the financial backing of the Department of the Environ-

The marker barrow, Brenig 47, dominates the group on the northern skyline, in the pass to the next valley, with the others grouped below it. Only a few of the monuments have been affected. by the first phase of the reservoir, but the excavations have been carried out because the dam,

cost opera

group 50 jobs

The English Music Theatre, for-

said yesterday that up to 50 men

The Arts Council said last week that it could not provide the £500,000 grant needed to sustain the company for a full year's work in 1977-78 and beyond.

By Our Arts Reporter

cut by four fifths.

which was opened by the Prince of Wales in December, 1976, has been designed to be raised should further capacity for the reservoir

been designed to be raised should further capacity for the reservoir become necessary.

The excavations, carried out in 1973-75, showed that the first occupation of the valley took place in the Mesolithic period, for which a radiocarbon date of 5700 be has been obtained. Mesolithic flint tools were found beneath two of the barrows, in a group of bowl-shaped pits; the flint had been brought from the coast near Prestatyn. Neolithic occupation was sparse, and indeed the Bronze Age seems to have been the only period when the Brenig valley was really populated, perhaps because of a climatic optimum at that period. The presence of post-hole rings, and Beaker pottary close to the head of the valley, indicated that settlement as well as sepullure took place there, with the Brenig 6 kerb cairn overlying the site of a round house with a central hearth.

The radiocarbon dates of 1670 and 1550 bc, statistically identical, for two critus, one with a collared the brenig and one with Beaker pottare brenig and one with Beaker

for two cairus, one with a collared urn burisl and one with Beaker pottery beneath, suggest that the two types of pottery were being made by the same people for dif-ferent domestic functions. "Stylistic differences in Early Bronze Age pottery have little social meaning and even less chrono-

logical significance", Dr Lynch said in her preliminary report on the excavations.

Change seems to have occurred slowly in burial tradition, for there was little difference in the use of burf mounds, circles of wooden stakes and deliberately burnt wooden mortuary houses over 250 years. The objects found with burials were few, and the excavators contrast the size and organization of labour reflected in the building of the four main the building of the four main

of the community.

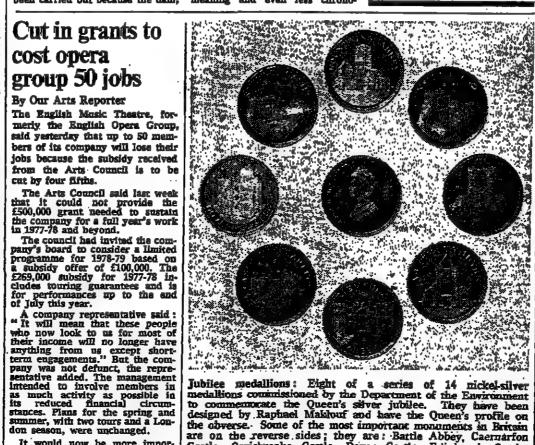
But although the cametery has not produced any spectacular examples of Bronze Age craftsmanship in the personal possessions of any of the people buried beneath the impressive barrows, Dr Lynch says "the complete excavation of both ceremonial sites and burial monuments has added and burial monuments has added greatly to our understanding of the components of a cametery of this kind."

this kind."

Equally important, the monuments are now to be publicly displayed, to remind the people of Clayd and their visitors of the achievements of their distant and anonymous prehistoric ancestors.

By Norman Hammand. By Norman Hammond Archaeological Correspondent

C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977



Jubilee medallions: Eight of a series of 14 nickel-silver medallions commissioned by the Department of the Environment to commence the Queen's silver jubilee. They have been designed by Raphael Maklouf and have the Queen's profile on the obverse. Some of the most important monuments in Britain are on the reverse sides; they are: Bartle Abbey, Caernarfon Castle, Carisbrooke Castle, Dover Castle, Edinburgh Castle, Fountains Abbey, Hampton Court Palace, Harlech Castle, the Palace of Holyroodhouse, Kensington Palace, Osborne House, Rievaulx Abbey, Stirling Castle, and Tintern Abbey. They will be available at the particular monument sites they depict. be available at the particular monument sites they depict.

25 years ago From The Times of Friday, March 28, 1952 Seretse Khama

The decision announced yester-day on the case of Seretse Khama to exclude him finally from the to exclude him finally from the Ngwato chieftaincy has one merit: it is definite. If it had been taken several years ago it might possibly have obviated the whole long muddled and miserable controversy, and that with hardship to only one man and his wife. Moreover the hardship might reasonably have been represented as the result of his own act; for, as yesterday's statement says,

It would now be more impor-tant than ever to seek private and individual support and to encour-age the revitalization of the sup-porters' group. A gala benefit per-formance would be staged soon. people when he contemplated choice of a consort. In fact, the choice of a consort. In fact, the Labour Government postponed their decision until the tribe had been consulted in its popular assembly or kgotla, apparently in the belief that this body would object to the heir's return and so relieve the imperial authority of responsibility for an invidious decision. At the third and final reference bowever the kgotla rescluded its previous findings and declared its desire to have the lawful heir back as chief, and his white wife with him if he insisted—as he did . . The affair of the Bamangwato with all its echoes in wider Africa is not yet closed.

A trust in memory of Lord Holford, the architect and town planner, has been launched to promote studies in creative environmental design based on his life and work.

The members of the trust's appeal committee are: Lord Cohen of Birkenhead (chairman), Lord Aman, Viscount Boyd of Merton, Sir Desmond Heap, Sir James Wood-roofe. Contributions should be sent to the Bamangwato with all its echoes in wider Africa is not yet closed.

Holford Memorial A trust in memory of Lord Hol-ford, the architect and town planner, has been launched to pro-mote studies in creative environ-mental design based on his life and work.

#### Science report

# Astronomy: Fewer habitable planets

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planets is derived from multiply-ing factors that represent esti-

tion in 1973 suggested that the number of planers with life is approximately the same as the longovity of intelligent civilization measured in years; a large

The new downgrading of this estimate derives from the fact

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### **OBITUARY**

#### BRIGADIER HUMPHREY **STRONGE**

#### Former military attaché in Prague

throughout his life held fast to the old standards of loyalty, thoroughness, self-discipline, and wholly unselfish service. When he retired from the army in 1946, after being on the battlefields of two world wars, his overriding thought was still to serve the country, and he and his wife represented the British Council in two rethe British Council in two re-markably successful tours of duty, first in Sweden until 1948, and then in Portugal until 1952. After that they lived in rather-reluctant retirement, still

in West Africa; he had been seconded to the Frontier Force there, and in fact he was on and German-East Africa as well as in France where he gained the DSO and the MC and was

czechoslovakia during the months leading up to and including Munich.

Humphrey Stronge made close inspections of the Czech frontier defences; he was with the Czech forces on manoeuvres; he got to know the commanders, the officers, and the men. He was convinced, after very careful inquiry, that the Czechoslovak armed forces were much more efficient and, if attacked, would be able to defend themselves for a longer period themselves for a longer period them. selves for a longer period than generally supposed in London. Els estimate was to be borne out by German generals when they moved into Czechoslovakia

Brigadier Humphrey Stronge, reports were not given the CBE, DSO, MC, who died on attention they deserved. Talks March 27, was a soldier who throughout his life held fast to the Chief of the Imperial the old standards of loyalty, General Staff, the Minister for thoroughness, self-discipline, War (Mr Hore-Belisha) and and wholly unselfish service. War (Mr Hore-Belisha) and wholly unselfish service, with the Foreign Secretary When he retired from the (Lord Halifax) appear to have army in 1946, after being on had little effect on the Cabiner's mind. mind. To the end of his days Hum-

phrey Stronge was unshaken it his assurance that Munich was

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a disastrous and shameful mistake. Yet be did not let this conviction turn to bitterness. He went on serving with the calm, unselfish rectitude that all who knew him most admired in him. hoping that there was more that they could do, in Gloucester-shire.

The outbreak of the Second World War found him once again in Africa; he was com-Humphrey Cecil Travell mander of the southern brigade Stronge was born in London, in Nigeria. But he was soon though of some Northern Irish back in Britain, first in the War descent, in 1891. After the Office, and then as commander of the Blackdown sub-area. He he was commissioned in the was in close liaison with the Buffs in 1910. The outbreak of Free French forces and became acquainted for the first time (later they were to meet fre-quently) with General de Gaulle. During the landings and campaigns in North Africa and then in Sicily he was commander, lines of communications area; and then was head of the mili the DSO and the MC and was mentioned twice in dispatches. He had his time at the Staff college before going on to the decisive period of his life. This was in 1936-39 when he was he was british Army of Liberamilitary attaché both in Yugoin the was reached its climar he was British Army of Libera-tion area commander in France and Holland, Like many others, he was on the easiest of terms

with General Eisenhower. Both Eisenhower and de Gaulle re-corded their appreciation of his services. It was his time in Prague that confirmed him in his keen interest in relations between the powers, in peace as in war. When soldiering he did not let politics intrude, but after the war he threw himself into all the discussions and reports required by his British Council jobs. Neither he nor his wife, née Jill Burnside, whom he married in 1923, spared themselves their houses in Stockholm and Lisbon were regularly filled and saw the formidable charac-ter of the defences and the advanced state of the Czech Visiting lecturers and arristes arms industries. But during the from Britain remained close fatal run-up to Munich Stronge's

#### CAPTAIN A. S. CUNNINGHAM-REID

Captain A. S. Cunningham-Reid, DFC, formerly Member of Parliament for Werrington, and later for St Marylebone, died on March 26. In his later years in the Com-

mons Cunningham-Reid found nimself at loggerheads with the Conservative Party leaders and Conservative Party leaders and officials, and finally left the party, sixting from 1942 to 1945 as Independent member for St Marylebone. He refused, however, to resign his seat, and was defeated in the 1945 general election by the official Conservative: candidate, Sir Wavell Wakafleid.

Alec Stratford Cumningham-Reid the cone of the Rey A. M.

Reid, the son of the Rev A. M. Cunningham-Reid, was educated at University College, London, and Clare College, Cambridge. He served with distinction He served with distinction from 1914 to 1918 with the Royal Engineers and the Royal Flying Corps, being awarded the DFC, and being mentioned in dispatches. His book. Planes and Personalities, published in 1920, recounted his war-time experiences, and described how he once prioted the Duke of Windsor, then she Prince of Wales, over Cologne and across the Rhine, where they did some "stunting", 7,000 feet up, ending in a spin over the spire of Cologne Cathedral. He entered the House of Commons in 1922, as Conservative member for Warrington. He lost his seat in 1923, but was returned again in 1924. He served as Parliamentary-Private Secretary to the First Commis-

Secretary to the First Commissioner of Works in 1922, and in 1924 was appointed Parlia-

the Minister of Transport, then Colonel Wilfrid Ashley, after-wards 1st and last Beron Mount

Temple.
In 1927 Cunningham-Reid married his political chief's younger daughter, Mary. She was the granddaughter of Sir Ernest Cassel. They had two

He did not contest Warring-ton at the 1929 General Elec-tion, but at a by-election in 1931, after controversy among local Conservatives, he won the St. Marylebone sees but only narrowly over an unofficial Conservative. At the general election in 1935 Cunningham. Reid's majority was over 23,000 in a straight fight with Lebour-Many local Conservatives were not happy with Cunning ham-Reid as their member and in 1939 they adopted enother prospective candidate. In 1942 the discontent came to a head. The official Conservative Whip was withdrawn from Cunningham-Reid, who continued to skt in Parliament as an Indonendam.

an Independent.
In the general election of 1945 Sir Wavell Wakefield was elected as Conservative mem-ber with a majority of over 5,000 over a Labour candidate and Cunningham-Reid lost his

deposit. In 1944 Cunningham-Reid, whose first marriage was dissolved in 1940, married Angela Williams, by whom he had a son and a daughter. The marriage was dissolved in 1949. He married thirdly Helene Taylor-Smith.

bore fruit in the shape of a

2-cylinder car which he sold to the Rover company and became the Rover 8. He was brought

in to organize production and won a good name for himself. He joined his father at what was called the Ariel Works Ltd.

in the 1920s, and even after the slump had hit the firm did not lose his faith in its future.

He bought up Ariel, which now became Ariel Motors, and later acquired Triumph motor cycles and the firm throve; the Speed Twin, in particular a high-performance residuals.

igh-performance vertical twin-

### MR J. Y. SANGSTER

Mr John Young Sangster, who died on March 26 at the age of 80, played a prominent part in the British motor cycle industry for many years and in 1956 supplanted Sir Bernard Docker, as chairman of BSA. He retired in 1961 but remained a director until 1969.

A formidable leader of design and production teams he was closely associated at Ariels and Triumphs with Edward and friumphs with Leward Turner, the famous designer of the Ariel "Square Four" (a four-cylindered machine) and the Triumph Speed Twin.

Sangster was born on May 29, 1836, and educated at St John's College, Hurstpierpoint. He saw service with the 14th Royal Warwicks in the First World War. Sometime before that war he spent a period on the Continent learning motorengineering. This experience

high-performance vertical twincylindered machine, won the
old firm new fame.

After the war, because death
duties might have killed the
businesses Sangster had built
up, he sold first Ariel and then
Triumph to Sir Bernard Docker
at BSA. Sangster became a
director of BSA in 1961 and director of BSA in 1951 and was chairman from 1956 to 1961.

#### COLONEL JACK LOWTHER

T. B. B. writes: The obstuary notices which have appeared of Colonel Jack Lowther have tended to confine themselves to the appointments he held during a tong and full life of 91 years, and perhaps a tribute to his versatility is due.

During his 37 years as joint master of the Pytchley he was recognized as a brilliant field master who for the first 17 years hunted five days a week and never missed a day or lost patience with his field. From 1949 until 1960, when he retired from the mastership of hounds, he hunted three days a week and again never missed a day. and again never missed a day. He was always a popular

Mrs Lillian Yeo-Thomas, widow of Wing Commander F. F. E. Yeo-Thomas, GC, MC, often called "the White Rabbit", a hero of the Resist-

farmers. To this day his por-trait is to be found in most farmhouses in the Pytchley When a new county school

when a new county school was started at Guilsborough in 1958 he was the first chairman of the board of governors, remaining for 12 years, and again his tact and skill endeared him to his colleagues and the school endeared him to his colleagues and the school.

In all his accivities, whether Jack Lowther was colonel of the regiment, chairmen of the bench of magistrates, governor of the school, or master of hounds, he was a leader who excelled because of his forbear-area and relation kindness and

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ance and wisdom, kindness and thought for others.

Mr Kenneth Glenny, OBE, who died on March 18, was for many years a prominent figure in Essex public life. He was many times chairman of the ance movement in the Second county health committee and World War, died on February was an alderman from 1951 to 14. He died in 1964.

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# Hattersley price concessions fail to please CBI and Consortium

A number of concessions on Government's proposed price controls were put new price controls were put forward yesterday by Mr Hat-tersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protec-

But their limited nature

brought stormy reactions from an "angry" Confederation of British Industry and strong condemnation from the Retail The CBI is still holding back from promising its support for industrialists who might be asked to serve on the revamped Price Commission—a critical issue for the Government in its

aim to-set up a tripartite mem-

bership of the commission, in-

cluding trade unionists.
The Government's Bill, nected to be introduced in the cess, will give safeguards to companies under investigation hy the commission. It will also cut down paper work for companies pro-notifying price in-creases and will allow profit margin control only a limited

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There will be a right of appeal against commission re-commendations and the Secretary of State's own powers will be more constrained.

But the CBI's key demand that the primary legislation on price control should run only for one year in tandem with phase three pay restraint was rejected by Mr Hattersley, who Management Forum in London.
There will also be no diminution of proposed powers to freeze prices on which the TUC. had arged the Government to take extended powers, as the state of the covernment of the transfer of the covernment of the covernmen an option to extend 12 month restraint orders on companies and the imposition of individual

controls at the retail No mention of these last two demands was made by Mr Hat-tersley but he emphasized: "In sectoral investigations the Sec-retary of State will be able to regulate prices and charges within the Price Commission's recommendations. This could

creases within a sector or even some reduction in existing "In the field of distribution the commission will be able to recommend a reduction in exist-

ing margins which may meah that prices are reduced." This last point brought the strongest reaction from the Retail Consortium which feels retailers have been singled out for "particularly barsh treat-ment" under the new controls. To imply that there might be some significant reduction in prices by reducing distribution margins was "tommy rot" when distribution margins were so shim, the Consortium said. Both the Consortium and the

CBI are preparing for a tough battle in pinning down in later discussions the details of profit margin control which will be margin country which will be brought in as secondary legisla-tion. The CBI also regard as vital the establishment of acceptable levels of the safe-guards mitigating the effects of a price freeze during

Mr Hantersley's list changes after the month of changes after the month of consultation on the new controls included dropping the idea of the Secretary of State, initiating investigations into individual price increases. This will now be left to the Price Commission. He emphasized that controls

will cover virtually all prices, including all the nationalized industries except for steel and coal, excluded for EEC reasons. He said he could not accept that the idea of investigations as a whole should be dropped or that it would be dropped when there was no further need for incomes policy.
"The forces of competition acting alone are not enough", he said. "I have also been told that by shandoning the apparatus of rules which com-prise the Price Code I am

plunging industry into debilitate ing uncertainty and discourag-ing investment. In fact, the powers to impose a freeze are strictly—and properly—hedged

# £500m Drax go-ahead likely before Easter

Government approval for the early ordering of the second stage of the coal-fired power station at Draw in Yorkshire is. Parliamentary Easter recess.
An order for the 2500m station would enable C. A. Parsons, the Newcastle-based

turbine generator manufacturer to withdraw the firest of Mr Benn, the Secretary of tate for Energy, and Mr

Variey, the Secretary of State for Industry, are both strongly backing the project. Their officials are involved in detailed discussions with the Central Electricity Generating Board on how the early order

ing should be financed.
The CEGB has rold the Goverument that the station need not be ordered until 1979 and that it should be given finencial assistance; it was required to bring forward the order to help the ailing power genera-

tion industry.

Government, led by the Treesury has contended that a healthy power generation industry is in the CEGB's best interests and that the board, and ultimately electricity con-sumers, should carry the cost

# Top changes at Treasury

By David Blake, Economics Correspondent
New changes in the upper New changes in the upper levels of the Treasury were announced yesterday. Mr Fred Jones, Deputy Secretary in the public expenditure division of the Treasury, who has had to bear the brunt of some sharp treasure of the Brunt of questioning by House of Commons committees in recent years, is to move over to the industry division.

His place will be taken by Mr John Anson, currently an Under Secretary in the public expenditure department.

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How the markets moved

30p to 784p 11p to 209p 10p to 350p 10p to 458p 45p to 495p 25p to 510p

35p to 510p 24p to 228p

Gold lost \$3.75 an ounce to

SDR-\$ was 1.15826 on Friday, while SDR-£ was 0.674152. Commodities: Metal prices

Mr Anson, 46, was educated at Winchester and Cambridge and has spent almost all his

career in the Treasury, with brief spells in Paris at the British Embassy and in the Cabinet Office. Mr Jones, who is 56, worked for the Trades Union Congress for eight years and then spent two years as a tutor at Ruskin College, Oxford, before entering the National Economic Development Office and then the Department of Economic Affairs.

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10p to 432p 13p to 430p 12p to 528p

7p to 182p 16p to 118p

# 1.500 Tate jobs to go in refineries restructure

By Hugh Clayton

More than a fifth of all jobs
will be lost in a plan for the cane sugar industry published by its largest company yester-day. Tate & Lyle said that re-fining should stop this autumn in two of the country's six large

after years of debate about the fate of the British cane industry after entry into the European Community. It was brought to a head by the loss of Australian cane after accession and a British Government commitment to enlarge domestic out-put of sugar beet.

Mr Frank Thomlinson, chief executive of Tate & Lyle Refin-eries, said that in the four years from October, 1977, 1,535 inhs would be lost more than a

jobs would be lost, more than a fifth of the industry's total. The number after expected natural wastage would be 438 workers whom "we must seek." to employ in some other way".
Mr John Edmonds, national sugar officer with the General and Municipal Workers' Union, said : "Tate & Lyle has said: "late & Lyle has no chance of union cooperation in implementing these new pro-posals unless it produces firm plans for creating suitable alternative employment in the areas affected. Tate & Lyle is highly

obligation to invest in new There are two refineries in London, two near Glasgow and two on Merseyside. Tate wants to close the former Manbré & Garton refinery in Hammer-smith in 1980, after transferring some of its capacity to the Thames plant, which is the large est sugar refinery in Europe. Capacity at the two small Scottish refineries will be main-tained at present levels unless supplies of cane raws from the African / Caribbean / Pacific

profitable. It has an absolute

company expects the greatest change to be on Merseyside, which is expected to produce 394 of the 438 surplus jobs. Manbre's Sankey plant at Newton-le-Willows will be turned into "a syrup, treacie, liquid sugars and mixes

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Convention drop after

After 1979, capacity at the After 1979, capacity at the Liverpool refinery, the second largest in the country, will be cot from the present 550,000 phints it year white sugar equivalent to 390,000 tonnes. The company issued a three-point plan to create new jobs in the area: "erection of plant on the Vauxhell Road site to manufacture speciality chemimanufacture speciality chemi-cals, estimated to produce 300 jobs; expansion of refinery workshops as an outside

engineering service, estimated to give 30 sabilitional jobs; installation of a plant for blending and packaging tea, which will create employment for about 150 people 3. A reshuffle of capacity in

London will produce new jobs at Plaistow and maintain work at Millwall. Mr Thombinson said: "We are confident that said: "We are consident man if our employees are prepared to be reasonably flexible in working at different locations and taking jobs which may be different from their present jobs, we shall be able to adjust to the rationalization plan without forced redundancy."

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Tate and the theo independent
Manbré submitted a joint paper
about rationalization to the
Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.
Manbré caffed them for
closure of the Liverpool
refinery with no change to
capacity elsewhere, while Tate
recommended a complex option. recommended a complex option which entailed reduced capacity in London and closure of Sankey and one Scottish refinery.

Tate said yesterday: "The Government has indicated to us that if loss of jobs is unavoidable, the national interest requires that as far as possible jobs should not be lost in those ended a complex option jobs should not be lost in those areas experiencing the higher rates of unemployment. This races of memployment. This constraint compels us to keep open both refineries in Greenock, and Liverpool open both Greenock, refinery."

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# Sharper fall in living standards

By Caroline Atkinson As Mr Healey put the finishing touches to his Budget speech, news of a sharper than expected fall of 3.3 per cent in general living standards in the fourth quarter of last year underlined the need for tax cuts to relieve the squeeze on per-sonal incomes.

The fall in real personal disposable income—which shows the purchasing power of all in-comes after allowing for taxes and inflation—pushed living standards back to their levels of three years ago, when the Labour government came into Despite the squeeze on in-

comes, consumer spending con-tinued to rise during the fourth quarter. People preferred to dip into savings rather than cut spending and there was a very large drop in the savings ratio—the proportion of total per-sonal income which is saved to 11.6 per cent in the final quarter of last year.

This has been at unprecedently high levels of 14-15 percent during the last three years of rapid inflation, and if the fall continues it would provide

a big—and possibly unforeseen system means that people pay a —boost to the economy. system means that people pay a boost to the economy. Just as the unexpected rise in savings in 1973 and 1974 deepened the recession, so a fall now would give a boost to home demand which is otherwise commonly expected to remain

flat this year.

The difficulty in predicting the behaviour of savings is responsible for much of the uncertainty which surrounds economic forecasts such as those on which Mr Healey has had to base his Budget judgment. The drop in disposable income during the fourth quarter was particularly sharp because the boost to incomes in the third quarter from tax rebates as a result of last April's

These cut the tax take on incomes from £4,581m in the three months from March to June 1976 to £4,110m in the third quarter. Today's Budget is expected to ease the income tax burden by up to £2.500m for the coming financial year, 1977-78, but at least £1,500m of this will merely compensate for the effects of fiscal drag.

comes in tax as their earnings rise in money terms, even though rising prices could leave earnings in real terms.

Thus despite the handouts in Mr Healey's last Spring Budget the percentage of personal in-comes paid to the Inland Revenue in income tax rose very slightly between 1975 and 1976, to reach 15.8 per cent. The squeeze on incomes under the second righter phase of incomes policy is now clearly The total wages and salaries

bill rose one per cent in the final three months of last year compared to rises of 4 per cent and 2 per cent in the second and third quarters respectively. The 4.5 per cent increase from the first, to the second half of the year is in line with most forecasters' prediction of a 9 per cent earnings rise under stage two.

Union leaders will be unlikely to commit themselves to a further year of restraint without substantia reliefs from today's Budget

#### PERSONAL INCOME EXPENDITURE AND SAVINGS

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# £70m foundry move by Leyland future awaits **Birmid stirs NEB**

By Chifford Webb

Birmid Qualcast, the largest foundry group in Europe, and a major supplier to the motor industry, has created a stir at the National Enterprise Board and Layland Cars by proceeding independently with a moderal-zation and expansion prozation and expansion pro-gramme which could cost up to £70m.

The move is being widely interpreted as an attempt to force the state-controlled car company to complete its own foundry expansion programme, which could involve a further investment of £80m.

A Birmid executive said last night: "We still have time to modify our plans when we know Leyland's intentions." But industry sources firmly believed last night that forsecable demand from motor manufacturers did not justify a total

investment of £150m. It is now nearly two years since the Ryder report on British Leyland pinpointed the group's foundries as one of the priority areas for investment, as productivity levels were 50 per cant below competitors.

It want on: "A substantial programme of investment is needed for BL foundries, not least to bring them up to safety

now required. This is not, however, a problem confined to the corporation. It is a national issue which concerns the United Kingdom's industrial base.

"We therefore recommend BL's future are decided, discussions should be held with representatives of the foundry industry both inside and outside BL to plan a strategy of development and investment for the

In the meantime, it proposed that BL should plan for the improvement of its own foundries.

Since then, Birmid has played a leading role in industry-wide talks involving the NEB and Leyland to try to agree a rationalized expansion. There have even been reports that Birmid and Leyland were considering delet restricts. considering joint ventures.

Birmid's concern at the con-tizuing delay is understandable. Leyland's foundries supply only 50 per cent of its grey iron requirements, and 20 per cent of its aluminium, leaving substantial quantities to be bought. Birmid is the biggest supplier of these outside castings.

It is vital that Leyland should be in a position to indicate its long-term purchasing plans for by

# midsummer decision

By Edward Townsend

The Government is not expected to announce its conclusions about the future of British Leyland, now the subject of searching reviews, for at least some weeks and, more probably, for several months. But the immediate threat to

the company, which was facing severe cash-flow problems as a result of the recent toolmakers' strike, has passed. So long as sustained output is maintained, a new plan for the company will not be needed until midummer, when the Leyland board is due to apply for the next tranche of public funds. Last week, the company's car

plants produced about 18,000 vehicles, and by next\_week should have boosted output to the 20,500 target needed to avoid the drastic review of car division operations promised by the Government unless - full working was resumed before the end of this month.

Levland is conducting a review of the whole Ryder scheme for the future investment and expansion plans of the company, assisted by two executives of

National Enterprise Board, the company's chief shareholder. The Department of Industry is also studying the company's future and is seeking the opinions of experts outside the company, including M George Turnbull, the former Leyland

The Leyland board's review is expected to be completed by the end of April when it will be submitted to the NEB, which in turn will make recommenda-tions to the Department of Industry about the level future investment 🕝

Whitehall officials realize that a new strategy for Leykind Cars cannot be based on separsting the unprofitable volume car business from the more financially successful production of the prestige Rover and Jaguar and sports car models which are in many ways tightly integrated with the rest of the Leyland range.

It is known, however, that the Government is doubtful about the wisdom of continuing with the £250m project to build a replacement for the Mini and this could prove to be the main casualty of the reviews. Leyland will stress that the

of the investment is needed to modernize and re-equip the Longbridge plant in Birmingham whether or not there is a new small car.

# Whitehall softens line on planning agreements By Peter Hill Ministers at the Department of Industry have adopted a

cautious approach in encourage ing industry to negotiate plan-ning agreements with White-hall.

The response to the concept of planning agreements intro-duced 18 months ago has been extremely disappointing, and ministers are concerned at the lack of progress.
It appears, however,

It appears, however, that Ministers (who increasingly, talk of planning arrangements rather than agreements) have decided to stimulate greater in terest in the idea of planning deals through discussion with industry sector working parties. as part of the industrial

strategy.
This concept has been the within the Industry department over the past three months and Mr Varley, the Secretary of State for Industry, has stressed privately in talks with industry leaders and trade unions that he is against compelling com-panies to neggliate planning

The Government sees planning deals with big companies in the private sector (and with nationalized industries) as formulting the present widespread contacts between companies and Whitehall covering the ex-change of information on plans

and prospects.

Industry has moved away from the concept because of fears about breaches of confidentiality involved in discussions through purticipation of trade unious.

are involved in what are termed as "operative discussions." which it is hoped will lead eventually to planning agree-

Ministers remain surprised at the reluctance of companies to consider activaly the concept. but there is little doubt that the Government's hopes are may pinned to constructive discus sions through the framework of sector working parties.

Earlier this year the Govern-ment concluded an agreement with Chrysier UK, while talks with British Levland over a similar pact have been frozen in the wake of problems now besetting it
Mr Varley and his ministerial

colleagues appear to have been encouraged to adopt a more flexible approach after the last meeting of the National Economic Development Council when Lord Watkinson, the president of the Confederation of British Industry, supported the idea of discussions within the framework of the sector working

## Superstore planned for London

Plans for what, if approved, would be central London's first superstore, were announced yesterday by International Stores, the British-American Tobacco supermarket sub-

sidiary. international wants to turn premises at present used for tea packing and office space into a 60,000 sq ft (gross) superstore with an associated car park.

Mr Gordon Lariam, joint managing director of International, said last night that discussions were taking place with the local authority. The tea business at present at Old Street, Shoredisch, is eventually due to be transferred to Liverpool after the acquisition by Tate & Lyle of International's Ridgways subsidiary, International wants to turn

national's Ridgways subsidiary, but the store group retains ownership of the sire.

Esso seeks price rise Esso has followed Shell and applied to the Price Commission for increases in oil product prices. Shell has asked for 2.5p a gallon across the board and Esso's application is thought to be similar.

# Detergents group with big oversea interests freed from UK dividend controls

By Rongld Pulien Paterson, Zochonis, the Manmerchanting. soaps and detergents group, with important interests in West Africa, yesterday became the fifth company to shake itself free from United Kingdom dividend controls on the grounds that the bulk of its assets and earnings are outside this country.

Following in the footsteps of Ocean Wilsons, Nigerian Electricity Supply, Incheape and the tea plantation groups McLeod Russel, Paterson, Zochonis announced that it had been mid by the Transury that been mld by the Treasury that it is no longer subject to United Kingdom dividend control regulations and that hence-forth dividend policy will be determined by "normal com-mercial considerations".

Although PZ only announced a maximum permitted 10 per cent rise to 1.42p a share gross in its interim dividend yester-day because of the uncertainty caused by the dilution of its Nigerian interests from 60 to 40 per cent in the wake of

demands for increased local equity participation, the shares jumped 25p to 225p on the stockmarket in anticipation of a big increase in the 14 times dividend later this year. It was in October 1975 that

the Treasury ennounced that it would consider applications for exemption from dividend controis from overseas traders, mining, plantation and other commodity based groups most of whose assets and earnings were overseas but were only technically subject to United Kingdom controls because of their domicile in this country. But it was not until last augumn that Ocean Wilsons, a 15 per cent owned Incheape associate, paved the way for the groups that have subsequently followed.

The Treasury again empha-sized yesterday that this did not represent a significant relaxation in dividend restraint and that there was no acceleraseeking exemption.

Financial Editor, page 21

# Insurance claims for Tenerife air disaster could amount to \$400m

By John Brennan The Tenerife air disaster, The Tenerife air disaster, with the deaths of 570 people in two Jumbo jet aircraft, is unquestionably the largest single loss to date in the history of civil aviation insurance. First tentative estimates of the eventual claims costs run from \$150m (f88m) to as high as \$150m (£88m) to as high as \$400m, about 60 per cent of which will fall on the London market.

The extreme range of possible insurance claims reflects the confusion over liability before a full inquiry. If the Spanish authorities are blamed, passenger liability claims may be limited by the inevitable problems facing passengers' families and executars in bringing leased and executors in bringing legal action against a foreign government body. In the event of one or both of the airlines being found to have been wholly, or even partially responsible the scale of claims could, as in the case of the Turkish Airlines. DC10 air crash near Paris in 1974, rise dramatically. Claims for the DC10 crash have yet to be finally settled, but Mr John Hewitt, chairman of the Lloyd's

picture of possible eventual claims at this stage.

First, the Pan American aircraft was carrying passengers from California which, thanks to local lawyers' practice of taking a percentage of success-ful claims in liability cases rather than a flat fee, has acquired the reputation of being one of the most lawsuit conscious areas in the world, a consciousness accentuated by the drastic rise in jury awards on third party insurance claims

in recent years. Secondly, the ages of the passengers involved in the crash are not yet known, and court awards would be linked to age one of the major factors in delaying settlement in the DC10 claims. The older the average age of the passengers the lower the eventual claims liability.

Passenger hability mill remain the major insurance suestion until a full indury into the crash has been completed, and until it becomes clear whether the crash presages a rating.

will eventually total between f25m and f50m.

Two further factors cloud the will be a far simpler business.

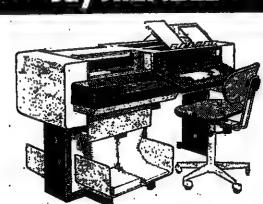
sured for \$23m. Of this cover, 45 per cent of the cover was taken by London underwriters, 15 per cent in the French market and the remaining 40 per cent equally between two United States aircraft insurance pools.

The Dutch aircraft was in-

sured for \$40m 40 per cent in London and the balance in Europe Much of the non-London direct insurance has been dealt with by London reinsurers and the market estimates that around 60 per cent of the total claims will fall on London. Despite the actual and poten-

tial claims, reaction to the crash has been somewhat equivocal in the insurance market. Aviation insurance premium rates have been forced down by cut-throat competition in the past two years, and underwriters feel that, as the unthinkable has now happened, this crash could mark a turning point and a move towards more realistic

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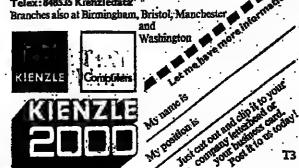
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Seeing is believing



Correspondent Investment of £35m in facili-ties for production of fertilisers was announced by ICI yester-day. The company said that work would start now on the construction of a fertiliser plant with an annual capacity of 430,000 tonnes and on an associated nitric acid plant with an annual capacity of 250,000 tonnes. Both plants should begin operations in late 1979.

The latest investment will represent a substantial expan-sion of the company's existing fertiliser complex at Billingham on Teesside, and is designed to ensure that the growing fertiliser requirement of the United Kingdom farming industry can be met until well into the 1980's.

Mr Stuart Hay, ICI's fertili-ser director, said: "This sub-stantial investment demon-strates the confidence ICI has in the future of British agriculture and the importance which it attaches to it.

"There is an especially strong financial case for more intensive management of grassland, and we expect United Kingdom demand for nitrogen fertilisers to grow by 7 per cent

Farmers are becoming inof greater fertiliser use. The resulting increase in agricul-tural production will reduce imports and help the balance

The amouncement coincided with efforts being made by Thames Nitrogen, the fourth largest British producer of uitrogenous fertilisers, to prevent the permanent closedown of its plant at Rainham, Essex. The company has closed the plant temporarily, blaming the steep rise in the cost of imported ammonle,

Talks have begun between the company and Whitehall officials. Thames has also asked A report that three of West Germany's larger steel com-panies have been discussing a merger that would create a new the Office of Fair Trading to investigate ICI's position in the fertiliser market. ICI has refused to supply Thames with ammonia on the grounds that it is fully committed to meeting giant concern with an annual production of around 11.5 milobligations within ICL

Results for year to 30 November

Net profit before tax

Rights Issue

Future Prospects

successful year.

Total shareholders' funds

Earnings per ordinary share

Net assets per ordinary share

# Scott Lithgow wins £1.5m order for Gambian river ferry

an important export order for a cargo passenger feary from Gambia. The £1.5m contract comes at a time when orders

comes at a time when orders world-wide are hard to secure. The ship is due to be delivered in May next year.

Up to £1m of the contract price will be provided by the Ministry of Overseas Development, as part of Britain's aid programme to Gambia, and the Crown Agents have been involved in discussions for the vessel.

Mr A Ross Relch, managing director of the Scott Lithgow group, said last night that the ship would be built by the group's Ferguson Brothers sub-sidiary, and described the con-tract as " an important addition to our building programme". The ship will operate between

purchasing Chrysler United

Kingdom's former air condition-

ing equipment factory in Maid-

stone on which the company has put a price tag of £700,000. The plant, on a 240,000 sq ft

site near the centre of the town.

is being sold as a result of

Chrysler's decision to abandon the air conditioning venture

after the Government-backed rescue of the American-owned

company last year.

The plant, which employed 500 workers, was formerly the

Tilling Stevens-Vulcan factory, of which part was let to

Chrysler Airtemp.
The Commons' trade and

industry sub-committee which

From Peter Norman

Sale Tilney

Record profit

I for 3 rights issue proposed

Payment of a final dividend of 2.46378p per share Is

eing recommended, making a total dividend o

A 1 for 3 rights issue of ordinary shares at 110p per share

is proposed. Treasury permission has been given for an

increase in the ordinary dividend for 1977 up to 10.2375p

it is too early for any profit forecast to be made in respect

of the current financial year ending 30th November 1977,

but the present trading results are very encouraging and

the Board believes that the Group will have another

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4.75378p per share, (1975 — 4.32p per share).

German steel merger denied

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Chrysler plant on

offer at £700,000

By Peter Hill
Scott Lithgow, the Lower along the Gambia river to Basse ated negotiations with MitsuClyde shipbuilders, have won at the upper limit of navigation bishi in Japan for the construc-

the new state shipbuilding organization which will come into operation in July 1, were involved in discussions with Polish experts on the £120m shipbuilding package deal which is expected to be con-cluded before the end of next

Ine talks centred on finalising the design specifications on three types of vessels for which British yards will be tendering The next major hurdle will be the raising of finance through a syndicated loan on the London market.

Other orders for United Kingdom yards are in prospect from Nigeria. After government

manufacture of air conditioning equipment would have been

"an anomalous part of Chrysler UK's new rationalized

structure".
The plant's excellent labour

relations history made the closure particularly unfortunate, said the committee, but in terms of improving Chrysler's overall efficiency it made commercial space.

mercial sense.

Much of the factory's aging

equipment (60 per cent of the machine tools were more than 20 years old) has now been

removed and the work transferred to the Stoke factory in

denied today by the three firms

Spokesmen for Klöckner-Werke, Salzgitter and Krupp today diamissed the report, which appeared in today's issue

of the weekly news magazine

fanery, planned for Nigg Bay, in northern Scotland, could be operating by 1980/81, a conference on the industrial future of the Moray Firth heard yester-

day.

There have been fears that the plans for the refinery, at the mouth of the Cromarty Firth, north of Inventes, would

never get off the ground, but studyorities in the area now appear more confident that the

on colour TV

sales to America

on the river.

News of the order came as officials of the organizing committee for British Shipbuilders, the new state shipbuilding organization which will come & Wolff a likely builder) or

that wolff a likely builder) or chartering vessels.

Yesterday the Japan Ship Exporters' Association said that the industry's export order backlog had fallen by nearly 10 million tons gross in the past 11 months. The backlog at the end of last month amounted to nearly 155 million tons which end of last month amounted to nearly 15.5 million tons, which included nearly three million tons of large tanker orders. In the period from April last year to last mouth, Japanese yards won export orders for 499 sups totaling slightly more 499 sidos marling slightly more than 6.5 million tons, with 62 per cent of the contracts for delivery in the 1977 fiscal year.

#### Changes in rates of relief grant Many companies are under-investigated the Chrysler rescue stood to have shown interest in said that the continued existence of a separate plant for the interest

By Malcolm Brown

The Department of Industry esterday announced the lowering with immediate effect of the maximum rate of interes relief grant and interest rates for loans under Section 7 of the Industry Act 1972.

Interest relief grant available in those cases where it would be appropriate to allow the equivalent of an interest-free period on a Department of Industry loan-but where firms obtain their finance from other sources—has been reduced from 14 per cent to 18.5 per cent for each interest free year.

The concessionary rate of interest on loans for employment creating projects has been reduced from 11 per cent 10 10.5 per cent, while the broadly commercial rate of interest on loans for modernization projects not providing additional employment is reduced from 14 per cent to 13.5 per cent.

proposed by the Cromarty Petroleum Company, part of the empire of Mr Daniel K. Ludwig, the United States industrialist and Mr Geoffrey Bannister, the

company's projects manager, said they were eiming to submit their master plan to the local council by the end of May.

"By August or early September we should be in a position to go aboad with the project",

However, a note of caution was sounded at the conference by Mr Ian Clark, of the British National Oil Corporation, who,

### Forecast of rise in engineering orders

By Edward Townsend

Britain's engineering comin new orders this year of 10-15 per cent compared with 1976, according to the latest forecast from the short-term trends working party of the Little Neddy for mechanical engin-

eering.
It adds that forecasts for 1978 are inevitably speculative but on the basis of past experience orders might be expected to peak during 1978 with an overall increase of 5 to 10 per cent above 1977. Measures designed to stimulate the economy, in-cluding anything in today's Budget, could make this an underestimate, says the working

After last year's drop almost 5 per cent in engineer-ing production in the United Kingdom, it is expected that output this year will rise by a modest 1 to 2 per cent with a 4 to 6 per cent increase next

year. CBI optimism: In its monthly trends inquiry, published yes-terday, the Confederation of British Industry said that its March survey indicated "reasonably favourable" includes in the value of total new orders in the manufacturing industry.

#### One in four fail examinations in accountancy

Almost one is four non-graduates who take the final examinations to become chartered accountants are failing to qualify while the failure rate among honours graduates averages 38 per cent.

These high failure rates were given in Belfast yesterday by Mr Noel Stewart, the retiring chairman of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ulster, who said he extremely concerned

Part of the reason was the pressure of work in accountants' offices which meant that students felt unable to concentrate

place in the Moray Firth. "The

developments in Aberdeen are really child's play by compari-

son", he said,
Mr Clark called on officials to
fix boundaries for development

Hope of Nigg Bay plan by May nomic gain <sup>15</sup>.

> in his former role as chief executive of the Shetland Islands Council, worked hard to protect that community from the adverse effects of oil. Speaking in a personal capacity, he said he did not think a single person at the conference could imagine the scale of decylopments which could take

> > of launching a small, remote new cotton industry on to world markets in a time of intense depression. These efforts are not to be dismissed in the few scathing and erroneous lines of

that neither partner pressed its view to the limit", The first 20 years of operation

efforts of the Government research station and the S.P.S.
For the fixet 30 years of the life of the Gezira the pound sterling was one of the world's strongest currencies. The "conharmonious pripartite relation-ship between the renants of the scheme, the menegine Salan Government whose cent, 20 per cent and 40 per

JOHN JEFFERSON. Hill Wicket Child's Ercall Market Drayton Shropshire

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# When a union uses 'blacking' as a lever for recruitment

Wednesday, February 23, the simulation was sections; our arrises were still adament about not joining the union so I spoke to them again. I talked From Mr T. Mercer Sir, My company (an advernising agency), employing about 30 people, was recently "blacked" for three weeks by the print union SLADE because for an hour, but none of them would acquiesce. Next day I spoke to the arrists again, and also telephoned the SLADE secretary and told him that for the contrast of the contrast I 11 artists refused to be coerced into union membership. After persistent pressure by the union, their area secretary was invited to talk to our artists. I was present at the meeting

and in auswer to a question the secretary made his intentions very clear—join the union or we put your company out of

On February 2 we were offi-cially "blacked", although a secret ballot by the Industrial Society had confirmed that nebody wanted to join SLADE. On February 10 the union again talked to the artists, this time without any directors present, and a second beliot reaffirmed the findings of the first one. The "blacking" tightened. Newspapers and printers to whom we had given valuable work for many years were apologetic. "Sorry, we'd like to help, but our employees won't touch your work, it's "blacked", was the stock answer; it became apparent that the management of printing companies and newspapers had little control over their em-

Next we found ourselves on SLADE's "blackist" circulated to all Fathers of Chapels. By

a government department prin-cipally established to deal with such problems. I asked them for halp but their advice was JOHN THE UNION OR GO OUT OF BUSINESS!

OF BUSINESS I

My staff have a clause written into their contract of employment, which states that they have a right to belong, or not to belong, to a trade union. This raised a provocative point when we consulted a Department of Employment booklet entitled Trada Union and Labour Relations Acts 1974 and 1976, which advises how current terms of employment should now be amended. It states:—"Both the qualified right not to belong to a union, and the statutory provisions concerning the making of agency shop and approved closed shop agreements, were repealed with any form of replacement. Closed shops are legal but not compulsory. The the survival of the company, I was going to do my damdest to persuade the artists. I rang him at 5.30 pm with a total on Friday, February 25, we were "blacked" by many more newspapers. Furthermore, we still had several thousand pounds of print "stack" et a large printing works where it had not been progressed for over three weeks. By now the "black" was hurting.

I asked the company secre-

tary to make out application forms in the names of all studio forms in the names of all studio staff and I spoke to the artists again. I talked very seriously, explaining that not only their future, but that of the whole company was in jeopardy, and by the end of the day we obtained enough signed forms to satisfy SLADE. These were delivered to the trains secretary at approximately 6.15 pm. The "blacking" has temptime a lot. I have learned, for instance, that, to combat this legal but not compulsory. The law does not give any party a statutory right to a closed shop-agreement, and it does not set out any procedure for making such an agreement."

How does an employer, or even a lawyer interpret such legislation? ours sincerely,

T MERCER Chairman & Joint Managing instance, that, to combat this kind of experience, there is Director, Tattersall Advertising apparently no redress under law. We had consulted ACAS.

# 'Harmonious' work in developing Sudan

Sir, Owing to disputes I have only just received a copy of The Times supplement on the Sudan dated February 26. I hope it is not too late to refute the statements of your correspondent, John Garner, which read: The development of this area, the Gezira, was self-interested colonialism in that the Lancashire spinner sought cheap assured supplies of fine, long staple cotton, and conspicuous agricultural success was not. attended by comparable eco-

I refer your correspondent to the book Gezira: a Story of Development in the Sudan by Arthur Gaitskell, published in the series of Colonial and Comparanive Studies in 1959, Arnhur Gaitskell, brother of Hugh Gaitskell and research fellow of Nuffield College, was manager of the Sudan Plantations Syndi-

care 1950-52.

The whole book is relevant, but especially so are two chapters devoted to explaining the difficult and delicate business

Cotton auctions had been tried very early in the history of the scheme but, for the reasons given in the book, they failed; they were tried again later when the Gezira scheme was JOHN JELL WEIGHT WILLIAM TOWN THE WEIGHT WILLIAM TOWN TOWN THE WEIGHT WILLIAM TOWN TOWN TOWN THE WEIGHT WILLIAM TOWN TOWN THE THE WEIGHT WILLIAM TOWN TOWN THE THE WEIGHT WEI nationalized and again ran into difficulties. There was contimuous discussion between the Sudan Government and the Sudan Plantations Syndicate as

to how to obtain the best marker price one side favouring open anctions and the other reliance on tried markets, and, to quote Arthur Gaitskell, "curiously enough in the end the most important feature was

The first 20 years of operation of the Gezira scheme saw one major world depression and World War II. In addition—contrary to what Mr Gerner says about being "a conspicuous agricultural success"—there were suffered, coincidentally with the world depression of the "thirties, two years of serious crop loss due to a wirts disease called "blackarm" or angular leaf spot (Xanthomonas Malvacearum) which reduced the yields to 2.3 kanters per feddan vaccurum) which reduced the yields to 23 kantars per feddan in 1930, to 1.4 in 1931 and 1.9 in 1933, against an average of 3.76 for the total period 1925-50. Another serious virus disease was leaf curl; both these dangerous enemies were overcome through the combined efforts of the Covernment.

respective shares were Yours faithfully

#### Iniquitous extortion

From Mr Norman Power Sir, My chartered accountants have just recently required me to pay the sum of £15.73 to the Collector of Taxes. This sum of Collector of Taxes. This sum of money represents interest on the late payment of taxes. The reason for this late payment is that owing to the inefficiency of the postal service a letter containing the appropriate payslip took nearly forsteen days to travel from the Corporation of Lloyds to my chartered accountants.

tered accountants.
We thus have the situation that through the inefficiency of one government departmen another government department can extort money from the citizens of this country. Could anything be more iniquitous i Yours faithfully, Norman Power, 21 Brompton Square, London SW3 2AD.

#### Energy waste

From Mr Peter W. Reynolds.
Sir, Professor Benson (March 22) is correct in what he says, but he does take a long time to say it. The truth is so important that it is worth repeating it more simply.

We can heat our water and our homes by burning gas our selves or by having it burning for us in power station boilers.

for us in power station boilers, and using the electricity they, generate. The electrical routs S (WIC

the same job.

The use of electricity for heating our water and our homes is a scandalous waste of resource permitted by techpical ignorance and proby vested interest. Yours sincerely, PETER W. REYNOLDS,

The Vice-chairman of Council.
University of Durban.

# **GRANADA GROUP**

### Record results for the year to 2 October 1976

	1976 £000 53 weeks	1975 £000 52 weeks	% Increase	
Turnover	169,880	119,584	42	
Profit before tax	18,145	14,244	27	
Profit after tax	8,229	6,663	23	
Gross cash flow	37,855	27,724	<b>37</b> <sup>-</sup>	
Net assets employed	90,282	84,994	6	-
Pre-tax profits as a percenta	ge -			
of net assets	20.1%	16.8%	20	
Earnings per share	9.73p	7.91p	23	
Dividend per share	2.6125p	2.375p	10	
Dividend cover	3.72	3.33	12 .	

If you would like a copy of the Directors' Report and Accounts write to D James, Company Secretary, Granada Group Limited, 36 Golden Square, London WIR 4AH.

At the Annual General Meeting on Monday 28 March, Lord Bernstein, Chairman of Granada Group, said the profits for the first half of the present financial year will be about 30% above last year's.

# Tokyo talks soon | Eight NCR models to be introduced

Tokyo, March 28.—Japan will propose early this week that talks at government level should be held with the United States in Tokyo on Japan's colour television exports to the

United States.

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry said agreement to hold the talks was reached between Mr Takeo Fukuda, the Prime Minister, and President Carter during their discussions last week.

Mr Yano said the United States wanted to settle the issue before May 21, which is the deadline for President Carter's ruling on the United States international trade commission's

eight new computer systems this year, Mr Rex Fleet, maneging director of the United Kingdom company, unnounced in London yester-day. They will include additional "multiple virtual machines" in the Criterion range, interactive processing systems and multiprogramming

They will also include "dual-mode" models, which will en-able users to move from one type of operating mode to another without changes in

in applications software.

In special-purpose equipment, the company plans to introduce new point-of-sale and financial terminals and, towards the end of this year, a

wards the end of this year, a new direct data entry system. NCR had installed over 6,500 mainframe computers and over 30,000 minicomputers worldwide, Mr Fleet said. The company was the world's largest manufacturer of retail systems, with 225,000 point-of-sale terminals and electronic sales registers in use Sales registers in use.
Over 60,000 "new genera-

tion " terminals and date entry machines for financial institutions had been installed, and more than 25,000 general-purpose terminals and data-

Combined' service

A new service which would enable companies to combine the advantages of local mini-computers and of access to large mainframe computers at a bureau is being considered by University Computing, the London "computer utility"

If the proposed new service goes ahead, UCC is likely to conclude an agreement with a minicomputer company under which the bureau will hire which the oursess will have minis to customers in addition to providing the normal UCC bureau service.

Minicomputers may be the

best solution for a company's local processing, it is envisaged, while the mainframe bureau service will offer clear advantages where large databases are

tages where large databases are involved.

UCC's London centre uses two Univac 1108s at present, linked to other centres in the British Isles and on the continent. Later this year, the addition of a medium-scale IBM 370 system for the United Kingdom network prohably at the Longeton network, probably at the Lonon centre, is planned.

About half of UCC's bureau ousiness in the United Kingdom is concerned with engineering and scientific applications

Banks choose ICL The committee of London Clearing Bankers has chosen ICL to provide, on a turnkey

### Computer news

basis, a 23m automated system pasis, a ESM automated system for making payments between the main offices of the banks.

Known as the Clearing Houses Automated Payments System (CHAPS), the installation will be based on an ICL 2960 computer and over 150 terminals.

The scheme is designed to

cater mainly for large payments, averaging £300,000. Powerful processor

A processor which is described as the most powerful and technically advanced virtual-storage computer yet to be developed by IBM was an-nounced by the company yester-

Known as the IBM 3033, it is a member of the System 370 family. It is claimed to give internal operating speeds up to 1.8 times as fast as those of the comparable 370 Model 168-3, together with improved price/performance.

Kenneth Owen

# **Business appointments**

# Hill Samuel names a new director

Mr Raiph Halpern has become chief executive of the retail division of Burton Menswear and joins the main board of Burton Group. He will remain his con-nexton with Top Shop and Peter Robinson as chairman.

Mr Thor Suchoversky, Mr Frank Davies and Mr John Plackert have been elected to the board of Alcan Aluminium (UK). Mr Donald Main and Mr George Russell be-come assistant managing directors. Sir Michael Herries, chairman of The Royal Bank of Scotland, has been made a director of Lloyds and Scottish in place of Sir James Blair-Cunynghame.

Mr R. N. Amos becomes chairman of Brown Shipley Insurance Services. Mr J. G. Chaplain and Mr D. C. McIntosh have been made joint deputy chairmen.

Mr Hugh Campbell is to take over as chairman of The Hamlyn Group and Mr Gordon Graham becomes chairman of Butterworth, Mr Kenneth Stephenson is giving up as chairman of Hamlyn and Butterworth to devote more time to other commitments.

Mr Gera Pen bee been made a

Mr Geza Peto has been made a frector of C. Rowbotham & Sons Mr Allan Hardie has become a director of Allied Breweries UK and manager of the company's Alloa brewery. He succeeds Mr Cecil Mutch. Mr Hardie also becomes a director of 'Ind Coope (Scotland) and Allied Breweries (Production).

roduction). Mr G. G. Bunzi has relinquished the joint managing directorship of Bunal Pulp and Paper, but continues as chairman. Mr F. R. Davenport, has been made joint managing director.

Mr Christopher Blount, Mr

Martin Ingram and Mr Bannell Burton will join the partnership of Heseltine, Moss on April 12. Mr Jeremy Mudford is leaving the

Mr David Hall, managing direc-tor of the subsidiary Electropian, is joining the Electrocomponents Group board. Mr Peter Massey joins the board of Caters.

Mr Anthony Hewitt has become general manager and Nr Martin Latham, manager of the newly-formed Union Bank of the Middle Mr Alan Finden-Crofts is the new managing director of Hygens, Mr Nigel Campbell has been made marketing director.

Mr Geoffrey Williams is now a.
R. director of John Brown and Comjoint pany. Mr T. H. Burleigh and
Professor David Keith-Lucas have
mr retired.

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

# Forecast beating from Willis Faber

apart from anything else Free interests. Meanwhile, first-half mans is now taking on new results suggest that the group man the market Willis Faber has een able to revise its launch rolles forecast of £15.25m pre-ax to an actual £16.32m in 1976 and boost the final dividend by 8p to 7.7p gross.

And yet, with all this good ews and the promise of "rea-comble" growth next year. VF's shares fell 10p to 237o. tock market reaction appears o have rested more on irraional worries about the possible ackwash of the Jumbo jet air rash than any lack of enthuizsm for the figures.

And if this is the case it ew dealers have the faintest dea of what an insurance proker does, other than ride out roker does, other than ride out alls in the value of the pound ike a cork and occupy the most prestigious buildings in the Square Mile.

If the market grasped the logic of insurance broking the share price reaction would have been different. As middle man in the insurance transaction WF carries no direct hability. As brokers WF can only gain by the occasional crash if it has the effect of improving the currently unrealistically low level of premiums. Callous, perhaps, but realistic.

The results themselves follow the results themselves follow the pattern set by earlier pre-liminary reports from the sec-tor. Undercapacity in the United States market continues to provide premium growth, and although WF does not split put the currency exchange gain in its earnings, the group does accept that 1976 trading conditions were exceptionally good and is now looking for a rather less dramatic growth this year. At 237p the shares stand in line with the sector on a yield of 4.9 per cent Final: 1976 (1975) Capitalization £94.8m

(£520m) Pre-tax profits £16.32m Earnings per share 18.83p (12.34p) (£10.15m) \*Dividend gross 11.5380 (---)

Premium income £650m

#### Freemans

# One-off

Freeman's profits for the year to end-September are much better than anyone was expec-ing: and most of the explana-tion for that lies in the sales tion for that lies in the sales performance. Adjusted to a comparable basis, sales for the year have increased by a mere 5 per cent; and if the second-half growth was slightly more impressive at \$6 per cent (first balf sales were down), that still compares it wish the rate of inflation and the 15 per cent growth in sales of the sector.

Freemens has in fact been cutting out its less profitable agents, and has seen its volume and its merket share drop in cent and one per cent respec-tively. Margine, however, have shot up: on a comparable basis profits for the year are 29 per cent shead, after a 23.5 per cent improvement in the first six

Weeding out the lower quality business, however, produces once off benefits and the question now is whether Free-mans can sustain some growth from its new higher margin base. The group isn't chasing market share, but sales so far market share, but sales so far into the current year appear to be running at the same level, or slightly higher, in real terms, than those of the comparable period; and this and lower interest charges (those for the year were down from £1.01m to £457,000, and borrowings at the balance-sheet date were substantially lower than those of end-January 1975) should make for some profits growth.

for some profits growth.
It will not, however, be of a

time the shares, up 14p yester-day to 194p, yield a mere 4.2 per cent: and I don't think there's much room for improvement there. Final: 1976-77 (1975-76)\*

Sales £130:54m (£126.82m Pre-tax profits: £10.35m Earnings per share 21.2p (18p) Dividend gross 8.19p (7.45p) \*53 weeks

Capitalization £44.8m

#### **Barratt Devs**

#### Ihrough the fire?

ing beginning to look slightly better? The ratio of incomes to prices is the lowest for several years; deposits are flowing back into the building societies and an early cut in the record mortgage rate is But the second half of last

Is the outlook for housebuild-

year when interest rates were rising and inflows to building societies falling was as grim a patch as the industry has seen and contributed to the collapse of two substantial public companies in the sector, Greaves Organisation and David Charles. However, during this time when completions nationally were falling, Barratt Developments sold 30 per cent more units than in the corresponding half last year although tighter valuations by building society surveyor resulting from the slack second hand market restricted price increases cut margins. So, profits fell from £4.3m to £3.8m.

The number of its units sold of two substantial public com-

number of its units sold forward by Barratt has dropped over the past six months from around 4,000 to 3,200 and as building costs have continued to rise at an annual rate of around 15 per cent, margins are still being squeezed. Mean-while borrowings have also been sing above net worth of

The recent acquisition, H. C. Janes, is gaining sales quickly which will show through to profits to a greater extent next year, when there will be a year, when there will be a 2250,000 increase to rental income and a likely strengthening of house prices. But the prob-able pick-up in margins will only benefit the last couple of months of the current year for profits of say £8m.

The meximum increase in dividend for the year is to be paid and the yield at 13.9 per cent is attractive now the future looks more secure. The shares at 80p, down 1p, could well outperform the market.
Interim: 1976-77 (1975-76)
Capitalization £21.5m Pre-tax profits £3.8m (£4.3m) Dividend gross 3.69p (2.81p)

#### Paterson, Zochonis

#### Through the Inchcape gap

Now that Paterson, Zochonis has negotiated its way round dividend controls, it looks as though the market will need another excuse other than the paltry yield for rating the

shares so low.

Although the interim dividend has only been raised 10 per cent to 1.42p gross so far pending clarification of the future of its Nigerian interests and "certain alterations to its capital structure" it is apparent ther with last year's divicapital structure " it is apparent that with last year's dividend covered a handsome 14 times PZ will have no trouble bringing its yield into line with the 54 per cent average offered by the other overseas traders.

However, if it is going to find more favour with the market PZ will have to offer a yield pre-

will have to offer a yield pre-mium to overcome the doubts, about the future of its African

is not going to match the excel lence of its past record

But with trading profits a third higher at £13.5m it looks us though the African merchanting businesses are still showing plenty of growth while the recent acquisitions of Cussons and Odex Racasan are pulling their weight too.

From the look of things at the moment dilution of its Nigerian interests from 60 to 40 per cent is going to make a bigger hole in the balance sheer than cotting shareholders funds by an eighth, than on the profit and loss account which will soon get an added boost from expansion in Greece. Ar 225p, up 25p yesterday, the shares are still selling on only around four times this

year's earnings while the yield is anyone's guess. Interim: 1976-77 (1975-76) Capitalization £35.6m Sales £100m (£74m) Pre-tax profits £11-67m

Dividend grass 1.42p (1.29p)

### Reckitt & Colman

#### Pharmaceutical promise

With risin gconsumer demand working through to all its main product areas last year Reckirt & Colman found itself wellplaced to put more beef into sagging operating margins. The outcome is to push pretex profits up 57 per cent-

although exchange gains of £4.2m account for nine points of that gain—o the back of a 31 per cent sales improvement In the United Kingdom where a 20 per cent sales gain owed little to vokume the group has managed to push margins up 11 points to 8.4 per cent, but elsewhere in Europe the improvement has been a full

four points to 10 per cent, North America, where mar-gins are fairly inflexible as a result of the prepondenance o food lies performed strongly with volume sales increasing significantly, helped by new lines particularly in potato pro-

Elsewhere, consumer confidence continued to improve in Australasia and Asia where pro-fits charbed 35 per cent to £12.84m and Latin America where profits leapt 72 per cent to £6.42m. Africa proved the weakest spot with profits rising 19 per cant in poor trading

The ebsence of exchange sains in the current year should in itself ensure that Reckitt's growth is much mor emodest next year. But there are also signs that United States markets could be particularly slug-

kets could be particularly gish in the first half
The group has brought its
The group has brought its September acquisition Winsor & Newton into a newly-formed leisure division together with

Resure division together with Resures Dryad and results so far have been encouraging. Of much more significance in later years however could be the pharmaceuticals division and the success of two new pre-scription products currently on clinical trials. Reckitt prefers t keep these low-key until official clearance is given but it is widely thought that he group has a potential world-beater on its hands in the form of a new soakesic.

Down 5p to 375p in yester-day's defensive stock market the shares look solidly suppor-ted by a p/e of just over 8 despite the fact that growth this year could be limited to lime more than a tenth, though a yield of under 4 per cent is hardly soliding. hardly enticing. Final: 1976 (1975)

Pre-tax profits £55.65m (£35.42m) Earnings per share 46.2p (27p) Dividend gross 14.62p (13.29p)

# Will Mr Healey's Indian rope

The Chancellor has an impossible set of tax sums to solve today. Oliver Stanley asks:

# trick convince us?

The Chancellor Exchequer has this year had a huge volume of parallel advice proferred from all sides, He has been told what to do today: cut income taxthe range of £1,500m to £3,500m to compensate for inflation and pay restraint; to restore incentives, help lower paid, higher paid and

middle income groups; and get in line with other European countries, as a step towards controlled reflation. Above all-because last year personal tax reliefs were the basis of the wage restraint deal

Mr Healey was able to do with the unions, from which the rest of us, as an accidental by-product, benefited—would he please repeat his 1976 conjuring trick this year? Mr Healey has already said that the level of income tax is

doing real damage to our economic performance and it, is helpful that disparate presures to reduce it are pushing him in the same direction. But the crux of his problem—how to resell wage restraint by dangling meaningful tax reliefs —has not been tackled in any representations from pressure

Each year, the Budget denouement presents the Chan-cellor with less and less room for positive action, and 1977 is no exception. Mr Healey has been given an impossible set of tax sums to solve and that his task is largely of his own making is poor consolation for him and the rest of the

country.

It is inflation, "the tax which never has to be passed by Parliament," which has done the damage. Mr Healey's failure has been persistently to neglect fiscal drag, the impact of inflation upon income tax, which has got quite out of control, in terms of retrieval cost.

Where a rate scale rises in successive slices, the effect of fiscal drag is to force taxpayers up the scale, although their real value incomes remain constant, or even diminish as in recent years. Since inflation accelerated, we have badly needed some form of income tax indexation, and the longer this is delayed the more diffi-cult will it be to introduce one to control fiscal drag.

Precisely what form is for discussion, but it is convenient to label the indexation process "revalorization"—the adjustment of rates and reliefs to reflect depreciation of the value

The first significant point in the rate scale requiring treatment is the entry threshold, dependent upon personal reliefs single, married and other qualifying individuals — for the aged. The example, the aged. The enormity of threshold revalorization cost was revealed in a reply to a pointed question by the Shadow Chancellor, Sir Geoffrey Howe, in the House last week: merely to counter threshold fiscal drag since 1973 would cost £3,500m.
This covers only

married and age reliefs, and takes no account of increased thresholds for taxpayers with children, dependent relatives or housekeepers, who enjoy additional reliefs needing corresponding revalorization. For example, the dependent relative relief of £100 is now so derisory as not to justify its administrative cost.

Other calculations produce equally big answers. The cost of reducing the basic rate of 35 per cent by one point is £425m, so to restore the 1973-74

To revalorize thresholds, and higher rate tax bands, and restore the 30 per cent rate would cost over £6,000m-an

impossible amount, bearing in mind IMF commitments. Yet if his income freeze is to hold. Mr Healey must offer significant increases in takehome pay, and this is why the sums look so insoluble. Threshold revalorization costing £3,500m would increase basicrate pay packets by only £2.75 per week, nor a dramatically large bargaining counter, at the price of so massive a sum.

tion of the handout-but what The cost of revalorization of the higher rate bands which rise to 98 per cent, has been pitched at a much more manageable figure—about £640m, although this assumes that valorization of personal reliefs had already taken place. So if he chose, the Chancellor could quite readily respond to the Confederation of British Industry's impassioned pleas to improve middle management incentives, assuming he has the political manoeuvrability to do

The TUC would prefer a reduced rate band relief, say, the first £500 at 25 per cent costing perhaps £1,000m. This would give basic ratepayers an extra £1 per week in take bome pay packets, again not impres-sive in individual terms.

A very different alternative would be revalorization of the higher rate scale threshold on a 1973 basis, lifting it from £5,000 to £9,100, at a cost of a mere £480m. There is the Irish 1977 precedent to cite, but even so that would be an act of rest political courage. is that it is still so much less
If Mr Healey fails this test, costly to revalorize top rates

cessors in future years. Such is the current bouvancy of in-come tax, that in 1975-76 there were four times as many higher rate payers as in 1973. And so it will go on, until the massive yield from the higher rates makes revalorization of them

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equally impossible. The same principle applies as between direct and indirect taxation. The latter being pro-portionate, not progressive, is relatively immune from fiscal drag. Income tax alone now yields 53.4 per cent of the overall national revenue and, if you throw in corporation tax and There must be a better distribusome smaller tems, direct taxa-tion yields double the amount from indirect taxes—that is, VAT and customs and excise

er and cigarettes.

In Britain, VAT represents 19.5 per cent of taxes on income and wealth. Some comparative figures are France, 121 per cent; Germany, 41 per cent; Italy, 80 per cent; and Belgium, 47 per cent. At the time of last winter's mini-Budget, Mr Healey had a golden oppor-tunity to move back into balance, by increasing VAT to 10 per cent, and it is hard to see him not doing so next week. Not that the VAT increase is tself rewarding, but at least it increases his scope for direct

Mr Healey has repeatedly failed to meet the challenge of fiscal drag while paying lip service to the principle involved. He has preferred to increase direct taxes, justifying the increase with cheap political points about soaking the rich and making pips squeak. This year he has me just reward.
What must be so daunting is that it is still so much less

he will, of course, be storing than basic rates or reliefs. The up further problems for his suc-maximum rate could be reduced

to 50 per cent at a total cost of only £415m. The number of taxpayers liable in excess of 60 per cent excluding investment income surcharge is still only 180,000. This is where-from the stand-

point of executive incentives

handouts would be most value

able. The manager in the £6,000 to £10,000 bracket has been hardest squeezed. But that is not what Mr. Healey can dish up to the TUC as the price of a wages deal and it therefore follows that expressly quantified tax reliefs: as a key ingredient in an overall pay bargain are less likely.

Mr Healey needs instead a
mechanism for concealing the reductions he can comfortably-make in the upper brackets, while emphasizing those so expensive to make lower down.

That will require a great burstof ingenuity.

Unhappily, Mr Healey has ropeatedly closed our his available options before coming to the Budger bargaining table.

Strait, indeed, is now his fiscal

valorize reliefs, his unwillingness to make even the smallest swing last winter from direct to indirect tax, his adoption of an anomalous child benefit an anomalous child benefit scheme, in advance of his strenger judgment, and his granutous and irrelevant pursuit of middle management fringe benefits all now combine to put him in a weak negotiation recition. ing position.
In consequence, he is being

pressed to perform an income tax Indian rope trick and if he can achieve anything use-ful today with the odds so tiled against him it will be a

### Frank Vogl

# Coping with huge borrowing demands in the US

American credit markets is a more hazardous and complicated task than trying to juggle a dozen balls in the air at the same time. This is perticularly the case now that total private and public demand for funds is kikely to be \$300,000m this year. It is therefore surprising that there are large similarities in so many of the recently pub-lished forecasts. The uniform

nature of most of the predictions was highlighted recently at a Conference Board meeting in New York on the financial Most experts agree with the view recently expressed by both Mr Michael Blumenthal, the Secretary of the Treasury, and Dr Arthur Burns, the chair-

man of the Federal Reserve Sys-tem, that the markets should be able to cope without undue strain with the huge borrowing demands that are likely. agrees with the assertion made by Mr William Ford, of the Wells Fargo Bank, that "I do

not foresee any 'crowding-out' of private credit needs flowing from the fiscal and monetary stimulus currently being applied to the economy. At least not during the next few quarters." This year, according to Mr. Donald Wootley, chief economist at Bankers Trust, all of the principal credit-using sectors of the economy are seen as expending and thus tighter market conditions are likely to

prevail. There are already signs of strengthening demand for new housing, and Bankers Trust is now predicting, for example, that mortgage credit will rise by some \$15,500m this year to about \$95,000m.

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Mr Eugene Sherman, of
Merrill Lynch, takes the view
that consumer confidence is
likely to strengthen, particularly as the Carter Administration's stimulative measures take

also be a dampener to municipal bords live particularly with its continuing financial problems.
Altogether there is a reasonable prospect, according to
most analysts, that the volume
of new municipal bonds floated

A woman who seems to be on her way in the man's world of banking is Margaret Campbell (left, yesterday) who on April 1 becomes a vice-president at the London office of Morgan

Guaranty. She succeeds David Fisher, who is returning to head office in New York to run south-eastern. United States

business.

Ms Campbell, who will be responsible for a wide range of consumer industries business, joined the bank six and a half years ago from Manchester Business School and Cambridge. There is already one woman vice-president in the London office, Mary Gibbons, and another, Lucille de Baudrey d'Assom in Paris.

A vice-president in an Ameri-

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can bank is the equivalent of a banking director in a British merchant bank.

effect, so that demand for per-sonal credit to finance such things as furniture, home ances and new cars is likely to move shead strongly.

Total new borrowing by the United States Treasury from the credit markets may well be about \$65,000m and just how it will raise this volume is one of the fascinating questions about this year's capital market. The Treasury has sought to lengthen the maturities of its outstanding del., but this year it may well have to offer more bills, rather than notes and bonds than it did last year. Some of the Treesury's funds will undoubtedly come once again from abroad, notably

from the surpluses of major oil producing countries. However, it is likely that the Treasury will have to rely on individual American purchasers of its securities rather more than was the case in 1976, when the banks were heavy buyers of Treasury issues, owing partly to the weakness of business loan

demand.
"Banks are in business to make loans, not buy government peper", Mr Woolley says and he, along with many other experts, believes that the banks will be adding only a fairly small amount in 1977 to their baldings of subject sector issued. holdings of public sector issued securities. To win individual investors the Treasury and other

public sector borrowers may be forced to raise yields somewhat. Many state and local governments have improved their overall financial position in the past year and may now expect higher revenue income as a securit of the seneral impained. result of the general upswing also be a dampener to munici

is unlikely to reach the record balance sheets over the last next few months will be critical year may lead to some decline \$23,000m total seen last year. The most confusing aspect of the capital market picture business loan demand. Many businessmen are worried about the general economic outlook and, having been badly bruised by the recession, are still not very contident, and they may well decide to postpone fixed capi-

investment programmes further. Most forecasts are based on numerous surveys of business investment intentions, but these proved unreliable last year. Bankers, economists and corporate executives seem to agree that business fixed investment expenditure will rise by about to 15 per cent in current

in total corporate bond flota-tions. Banks and financial corporations may also cut their long-term debt raising activities. Many experts agree with the prediction by Bankers Trust that net new bond offerings may be about \$4,500m below the 1976 level at \$30,500m. Many companies have waited for an improved stock, market

raise new equity and the widespread predictions early this year of a healthy equity market may see some increase in net new share issues above the \$11,500m level of 1976. The weakness of the abare markets so far this year, which has surprised many economists, may lead companies to postpone new

in this regard.

The comparatively attractive interest rate levels in the United States, despite some prospect of a general increase in rates, may well tempt many foreign organizations to try to tap the United States credit markets once again. Estimating the size of foreign borrowing is almost impossible, but few experts would be surprised if the volume of foreign bonds floated

Almost everyone in the credit markets, except for the federal government's experts, predict some increase in United States interest rates this year. Few-are suggesting that the increases are likely to be significant, but; most believe that credit market dollar terms this year. lead companies to postpone new most believe that credit marks.

The success of many companies in improving their lopments in share prices in the tighter as the year progresses.

was close to the record \$8,500m

last year.

# Willis Faber Limited

Summary of Results

Year ended 31st December	1976 £'000	1975 £'000
Profit before Taxation	16,324	10,151
Taxation	8,698	5,115
Profit after Taxation	7,631	5,036
Dividends	2,563	951
Earnings per Ordinary Share	18.83p	12.34p

#### The Chairman, Mr. Julian Faber, comments:

The profit before taxation of £16.32 million compares with £15.25 million forecast at the time of the Introduction of the Company's shares to The Stock Exchange. In view of this higher profit the Board has decided to recommend the payment of a final dividend of 5p per share instead of 4.5p indicated at that time,

In 1976 the insurance broking subsidiaries of the Company handled gross premiums of approximately £650 million compared with an equivalent figure of £520 million in 1975.

The increased profit is largely due to the inflow of additional business to London, appreciation of foreign currencies and substantially improved results from associated companies.



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# Business Diary: Crown Agents' Brown • Split VOTE

John Brown, wise, as vicechairman and managing director of Artagen Properties fought an impressive rearguard action against Sun Life Assurance last year, forcing the insurer to increase its initial 541m bid to an eventually successful £50.5m offer, is to become property consultant to the Crown Agents.

The appointment, first mooted in this column late last year and to be announced today, will take effect from April 8.

When he moves to the agents' Millbank offices Brown will take much of the burden of dealing with the agents' £200m Australian property portfolio from the shoulders of the agent' managing director, Sidney Eburne, and he will be working closely with the recently appointed local manager of the properties there. Frank of the properties there, Frank Ainscough, headhuned from the Australian offices of estare agents: Richard Ellis.

#### Votaries

Tich March (S.C

Britain is to field her smallest team for 15 years in this year's Skills Olympics or International Apprentices Competition, to be Apprentices Compension, to be held at the Royal Dutch Industries Fair, Utrecht in July.

Apprentices will be entered for only 15 of the 32 categories, which range from fitting to upholstery. There were 20 entrants the last time the competition was held in Medical petition was held, in Madrid in 1975. It is the smallest turn out since 1957, the third year

of the competition.

dustrial wiring and an honour-able mention for wiring. This year, however, the British organizers say, they are hampered by shortage of money or lack of appropriate national competitions to select an entrant. The fields in which Britain

are engineering drawing, sheet metalwork, radio and television servicing, home wiring and servicing, home cabinet making. There will, however, be a British entrant in a new trial category suggested by the Americans, car servicing.

In Britain, the organizing body for the competition is the Society for the Promotion of Vocational Training and Education (VOTE).

Bill Norris, VOTE secretary and principal of South Bristol Technical College, told Business Diarry's Ross Davies yesterday that cash problems also mean there is no immediate prospect of the competition being held in the United Kingdom.

The only time we have played host was in 1963 (Glasgow). Last year's competition, scheduled for Dublin, was cancelled because of the Irish economic control South Versa is keen situation. South Korea is keen to be host in 1978,

Politics, Norris says, do not play as large a part in apprenas in sporting Olympics, but issues of national pride are involved.

The Spanish, the Japanese and the South Koreans, for example,

back their entrants who in return win an inordinately large number of prizes. Last time out, British appren- VOTE, however, does not re- A new variation in the daily force shopkeepers to put down ting for coffee on the intentices won a gold medal for ceive government help, and crime problem is "proletalian their shutters as a precaution national market. The statement of the company of the company



sponsorship in 1970 the organiz-ation has limped along on voluntary donations alone.

Trouble in store Italian shopkeepers and restaurant owners have had enough. If you have a business, they com-plain, you live in daily terror of armed robberies and smash

and grab raids.

If it is not the protection and threatening reprisals it is vandals or urban guerrillas from the latest student extremist movement smashing your win-dows and ransacking the

London Institute withdrew its youths wreck your store, rough sponsorship in 1970 the organiz- up your shop assistants and ation has limped along on make off with your capitalist stock in the name of social jus-In Milan the number of hold-

ups, raids and cases of vandalism have tripled in the past three years. Restaurant owners report a 40 per cent drop in custom over the past 12 months and fear of handbag snatchers and bandits who relieve diners of

furs, jewels and wallets at gunpoint is believed to be as much of a cause as the economic Then there is the additional irritation of demonstrations

which paralyse traffic and often

no less than 370 demonstrations

no less than 370 demonstrations last year alone.

It is no wonder that nerves are on edge. When a young man pushed into a jewellers shop in Rome earlier this year shouting "It's a hold up" the owner immediately pulled out his pistol and fired. The man he killed was a star first division footballer playing a practical joke, but nevertheless public sympathy was on the jeweller's side.

In Rome shopkeepers in some In Rome shopkeepers in some districts have organized their own nightly patrols. The Milan union of shopkeepers and tourist operators found it necessary to urge its members "not to

yield to the temptation to take the law into their own hands". the law into their own hands."
Roman shops, bars and restaurants have already stayed shut for the whole day in a protest against violence and the Prime Minister, Giulio Andreotti, and Interior Minister, Francesco Cossiga, have been told of the need for greater. been told of the need for greater protection and a serious crack down on crime.

This week isto be a "week of protest " to press their point and a "National Solidarity Fund" is to be established to help members who fall victim to criminals.

Janeiro airport where the weary transit passenger could always count on a cup of free coffee from the Brazilian Coffee Institute's stall in the transit lounge. Alas, no longer can the Bra-zilians afford to give away even the smallest cup of coffee in spite of the price they are getting for coffee on the inter-national market. The stall

# Benn plea for guidelines on energy policy

Erskine May's Treatise on The Law Privileges, Proceedings and Usage of Parliament is a long, 1,156 page book that is rarely seen outside the confines of the Houses of Parliament. It is often seemingly incomprehensible pages lay down in minute detail British parliamentary procedures.

Mr Anthony Wedgwood Benn, the Secretary of State for Energy and chairman of the European Energy Ministers Council, is a great admirer of this little-known work. "Long after the statutes are repealed and the manifestos are yellowing in the public library, a footnote in Erskine May will really matter because it helps us deal with all problems. Methods are more important then individual decisions", he says.

During his six months at the head of the energy council Mr\_Benn is aiming at producing the European equivalent of Erskine May—a set of procedures for discussing and formu-lating policy that he hopes will enable the Community to dig itself out of the administrative morass into which it has fallen on this subject.

Of course Mr Benn would like to

Year ended

January

1973

1974

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1976 (53 weeks)

**Preliminary results** 

see a resolving of the long-standing wrangle over a \$7 minimum support price for oil and the question of £300m worth of EEC-backed loans for the nuclear industry during his chairmanship. But he feels that correct procedures and attitudes towards policy making at all levels could have prevented impasses of this sort.

Mr Benn is the only specialist energy minister in the EEC. All his colleagues on the ministerial council have at least one, or sometimes several, other responsibilities.

Instead of an opening session at which ministers starkly stated their mandated positions, he wanted a more informal atmosphere with a general discussion on national attitudes on the questions on the agenda. Mr Benn feels that a level of informality is important particularly in an opening session, and this should be extended so that ministers can develop personal contacts, not only at council meetings. Formalinot only at council meetings.

The meeting would have ended with a session on energy conservation that was open to the press and members of the European Parliament.

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for the year ended 29 January 1977

Turnover

£67m

£83m

£105m

£137m

£141m

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before tax

£66m

£7.6 m

£7:0m

£8.2 m

£10.3m

Obviously fairly radical changes in the procedures for the energy min-isters could have repercussions for other parts of the Community machinery. Into this category comes Mr Benn's desire for a written record of

the council's deliberations.

Much of Mr Benn's thinking on energy policy stems from his enthusiasm for open government. There is nothing particularly secret

about energy", he says.

But behind everything is Mr Benn's concern about the role of the ministers themselves. Politicians must play a greater role in decision-making and in doing so bring a greater degree of

reality into policies.

While the politicians can agree that they should play a greater role in policy making, they cannot ignore the powerful body of civil servants in the Community. Mr Benn feels that mini-sters should give clear guidelines on the kind of policies that are needed for the Nine and not merely call on them for help when ministerial discussions run into difficulties.

Roger Vielvoye

#### FINANCIAL NEWS

# Second-leg hope at Clayton Whitehouse minority Dewandre is dashed

Hopes of a late upturn at Clayton Dewandre Holdings, the manufacturer of power braking systems for commercial vehicles, in the final stage to December 31 failed to materialize. It ended 1976 down from £2.8m pre-tax to £2.57m, though its share of the Indian associated company brought in £124,000 more at £496,000.

After six months profits inched ahead from £1.57m to £1.59m in a period of short-time working in time of recession. The board then reported that the predicted economic upturn was being reflected in the forward schedules of big customers. The impact of this was expected to be felt in the closing months of 1976.

In the event the second-half brought in only £980,000 against £1.23m in the same period and the opening outturn of £1.59m.

Turnover in the year, excluding its associated company rose from £36.2m to £40.5m. After an adjusted charge of £1.25m against £1.5m, earnings a share work out at 9.6p compared with 10.2p. Its total dividend is up from 8.8p gross to 9.2p. Hopes of a late upturn at economic upturn was being re-layton Dewandre Holdings, the flected in the forward schedules anufacturer of power brak- of big customers. The impact of

# Law team gathers evidence

tee has invited interested par-comprehensive insolvency sys-ties to submit their opinions on tem the review it is conducting of insolvency law. This commit-tee, under the chairmanship of Mr Kenneth Cork, was appointed last October to review the law on insolvency, bankruptcy, liquidation and receivership and to consider what reforms

were needed. mittee, Room 4
In addition, it is examining Road, London.

solvency for a century. Evidence should be embristed by June 30 to the Secretary to the Committee, Cdr T. H. Traylor, Insolvency Law Review Committee, Room 404, 2-14 Bunhill Road, London

511.09m to £15.24m at Decem-

ber 31. But the increase

related mainly to the issue of 53.85m in subordinated loan

stock to the bank's parent, National Westminster, to raise rebuilding finance. Court's

rebuilding finance. Court's deposits increased from 5591m to 5666m in 1976, largely thanks to currency deposits.

Things were not so bad for shipowner James-Fisher & Sons last year as it feared. Pre-mx profits slipped from £622,000 to £617,000 in the first six months

and there were doubts about the second half as well. How-

ever it pitched in with £513,000 against only £25,000 so 1976 profits were 74 per cent higher at a record £1.13m. This is the first time £1m has been passed. The previous best was £781,000 in 1974.

Earnings a share rose from 15.64p to 21.84p, the total dividend goes up from 3.82p gross to 4.2p, and a one-for-one scrip issue is also on the way.

As seemed likely at half time. Manchester-based H and J Quick Group did better than ever before last year even though it grew more slowly in the second six months.

Turnover climbed 36 per cent to 532.87m but pre-tax profits jumped by 77 per cent to a record £511,000. In the first half year, turnover and profits were up by 41 per cent and 180 per cent. As forecast, the final dividend of 0.8p gross again lifts the total by the maximum

from 1.44p to 1.58p. At helf time this Ford dealer pointed to better marketing and cost

control and the stopping of trading at Mansfield and Chesterfield.

The formal offer from Com-mercial Union Assurance for

House's ordinary shares goes unconditional, all the EHIT directors will resign, at the request of CU, and that it has been proposed Mr W. H. Harri-

son-Cripps, EHIT's full-time executive director and Sir Perer

Hayman, chairman, should be paid £20,000 and £8,000 respec

tively in connexion with their

retirement from office. An ex-

traordinary meeting will be held on April 15 to consider

the payments.

cates House Investment Trust has now been posted. It shows that when the offer for Estates

urts the total by the

Estates House men

paid to retire

Quick slowing down

after best year

J. Fisher scrip as £1m beaten

The Insolvency Law Commit- the possibility of formulating a

view of the whole field of in-

Mr A. J. Cross, chairman and chief executive of Whitehouse, says that Mr Norman Whitehouse, a director, dissociates himself from the offer document. Mr Whitehouse does not consider the offer fair. He is excluded from the discussions as are Mr Cross himself and Mr E. H. King apother direct

consider the offer fair. He is excluded from the discussions as are Mr Cross himself and Mr E. H. King, another director, who are also directors of Mint.

The other directors of Whitehouse, Messrs L. Coley, T. F.

The other directors of Whitehouse, Messrs L. Coley, T. F. CHI wins Beaver bid as

left in the dark

By Ashley Druker

Minority shareholders in George Whitehouse (Engineering) find themselves without advice from the board which has now received the formal offer from Midland Northern Trust. The bid is for the remaining 182m shares at 72p each.

MNT already owns 51 per cent and plans to maintain the Whitehouse listing. When the

Whitehouse listing. When the result of the offer is known arrangements may be made for shares to be placed.

At the same time, C.H. Industrials has inched to victory in another hotly-contested bid. Its £1.2m offer for Beaver Group has gone unconditional after acceptances on 933,000 ordinary shares which give it control of 50.4 per cent of the ordinary shares, 31.7 per cent

Guinness struggles on Guinness has taken another bite out of the minority share holdings at White Child & per cent of the second, and 752 holdings at White Child & per cent of the "M" shares. These holdings represent content.

At the same time, C.H.

Oakes and N. C. Peace, have taken independent advice from Deloitte, auditors of Whitehouse. They do not feel they can recommend any particular course of action to members and suggest they take professional advice.

Mr Cross in the document again refers to Mr Whitehouse on the termination of his contract. Mr Whitehouse ceased to be joint chief executive on February 15. Since then negotiations have taken place between the company's and Mr Whitehouse's legal advisers. It has been agreed that the company will make Mr Whitehouse a bona fide payment by way of damages for £30,000 for premature termination of his service agreement.

meeting of Beaver.
Meanwhile, brewer Aribus
Guinness—which won control
of White Child & Beney, a plastics and containers group in mid-February when its stake reached 52.22 per cent—is still

# hammering away.

Beginning April 2nd on Saturdays at 20.15, is SAA's flight to Cape Town. It's the only non-stop to Cape Town. Flying the route are the

new Special Performance 747 jumbos unique to the run. So from April 2nd SAA flies eight times a week out

of Heathrow including the fastest flight to Joburg. All connect with flights to 11 destinations on SAA's exclusive domestic network.

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South African Airways 251 9 Regent Street, London W1R 7AD, Phone 01-734 9841. Waterloo Street, Birmingham, 021-643 9605. Hope Street, Glasgow, 011-221 2032 Peter Street, Munchester, 061-834 4436.

# Monopoly inquiry deterrent to Sketchley in Johnson follow-up

reference to the Monopolies Commission announced last week, dry-cleaning group Sketchley has shied off its approach to Johnson Group Cleaners.

A statement from Sketchley said that after consideration in that decided that irrespective of the outcome of the monopoly investigation, "it is incompat-ible with the best interests" of the group to accept the "period of uncertainty implicit in such investigation?

Accordingly Sketchley has notified the Commission that it does not intend to pursue its proposed acquisition of John-

son.
Sketchley says that it was influenced by its expansion plans in industrial workwear, where additional factory capac-ity is required. There were two alternatives. Either it could obtain this capacity independ-ently or get it through Johnson

Group.

In the event, it was not considered feasible to postpone a policy decision. Sketchley would be to be the formed into the colors of the therefore be taking immediate steps to obtain further factory R-R policy

#### Dufay 'at least' to pay same

Up went the sales of surface coatings group Dufay Bitumastic by 8.4 per cent to £9.94m last year, and down went pre-tax profits by 33.45 per cent to

The board says that 1975's igures have been restated to reflect a new accounting standard. Raising the total gross payment from 2.11p to 2.32p, tain the dividend this year.
Costs nibbled at margins last year but the board is confident for this year, given reasonable

#### Recovery to peak at Wolstenholme Bronze

A half time recovery blos-somed into a record 1976 at Wolstenholme Bronze Powders. Wolstenholme Bronze Powders.

The second six months were better than expected and they brought in £697,000 of pre-tax profits. This was a jump of 94 per cent, taking them to a peak for the full year of £1.17m, a rise of 73 per cent. Turnover went up 56 per cent to £7.9m so margins widened from 13.4 per cent to 14.7 per cent.

Earnings a share jumped from 13.3p to 23.7p and the dividend rises from 9.87p gross to 10.8p.

The board expects the group o do "reasonably well" this

The results reflect a new

Briefly

Scottish United Investors has arranged a five-year, floating-rate, multi-currency revolving credit facility of \$12m (US) to be provided equally by Morgan Greafell and Manufacturers Hanover Trust.

Jorehaut Holdings has bought a further 175,000 shares in Uno-chrome International. It now holds 3.77m shares (22.53 per cent).

On Friday, a BAT Industries' subsidiary bought 381,000 shares in F. J. Wallis at 653p. Total held by BAT group 18.76m shares.

In 1976, turnover of Blackwood, Redge (Canada) fell from Can \$109.75m to \$91.08m (about £51m). Loss. after tax of \$861,000 (profit \$3.42m). No dividend, against 50 cents. Blackwood Rodge of United Kingdom has 75

Turnover for half-year to January 31, 57.41m (£7.61m). Loss £43,000 (loss of £134,000). Again no interim, but board expects year's results to be up on last year.

Grovewood Securities, subsidiary of Eagle Star Insurance, holds 200,000 shares in Moss Brothers (11.43 per cent).

Turnover for half-year to Jan 31, up from £2.72m to £3.62m and pre-tax profit from £73,000 to £80,000. Board looks ahead confi-

A. & J. MUCKLOW GROUP
Pre-tax profit for half-year to
Dec 31 up from £810,000 to
£856,000. Gross interim payment
held at 4.62p.

BANQUE NATIONALE DE PARIS British subsidiary reports total assets up from £449.8m to £597.2m. Net profits (before tax and after normal transfer to inner reserves)

UNOCHROME-JOREHAUT

BLACKWOOD (CANADA)

BURGESS PRODUCTS

GROVEWOOD-MOSS BROS

TALBEX GROUP

SCOTTISH UNITED



accounting practise which removed the distortion from swings in the price of copper.

# 'Vindication' for

The policy of growth allied to financial stability at Rolls-Royce Motors Holdings is on the way to being vindicated, Mr Ian Fraser, chairman, says in his annual statement. The company is now in a period of high investment, he adds. Some of the results could already be seen in that the company has been able to accompany has been accompany has able to secure prices and delivery times which would have en impossible in a period

when every other concern was expanding to the hist. The introduction of the Silver Shadow 11 in February has caused some delay in the car programme, but demand remains firm in all main markets.

#### Rival bidder to Lyons for Gold Case Travel

A resolution requiring CCH Investments' shareholders' approval to the sale on March 31 of a 30 per cent holding in Gold Case Travel to J. Lyons and Co was withdrawn from an

egm yesterday.
Currie, announced that an approach had been received from a "third party which was interested in acquiring the Gold Case stake at a price higher than Lyons'". A further state-ment is planned by April 30.

Coutts' extra provision Profits of Courts & Co, up from £102,000 to £470,000 after the transfer of an additional £1.5m (against £3m) to bad

debt provisions, were partly responsible for the rise in the bank's capital base from

for 1976 was £4.18m (£2.4m for the preceding mine months).

CHRISTOPHER MORAN
Christopher Moran Group is buying Redgrove and Everington, Lloyd's underwriting agents, for £345,000.

be paid this year. Last divident was for year to June 30, 1974.

JUDGE INTERNATIONAL
Sales for half-year to Dec 25 up
from £4.1m to £5.19m. Pre-tax
loss rose from £284,000 to £363,000.

Board expects second-half's results will be "satisfactory".

On turnover down from £2.26m to £1.96m, pre-tax profits fell from £117,000 to £44,000 in 1976.

Total gross payment cut from 2.75p to 1.85p.

Shares of Xoulcs, a United States maker of advanced, low-dose X-ray system for breast disease, are now quoted on the London Stock Exchange.

Acceptances of bid for ordinary shares of Dunford & Elliott now received from 93.5 per cent of ordinary shares in respect of which offer made. Preference bid accepted for 96.9 per cent.

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#### International

# Dresdner Bank

Board intends that company should revert to dividend status and, in absence of unforeseen circumstances, a dividend should After a good 1976, Dresdner Bank approach the current year with some optimism. The bank's net profit after tax increased last year to DM 218m (about £59.9m) from DM 193.5m. This enables payment of an un-changed 20 per cent dividend on capital increased to DM 790m from DM 670m and the results will be "satisfactory".

WILLIAMS & JAMES
Turnover of Williams and
James (Engineers) for 1976 up
from 53.62m to £4.41m and pretax profits up from £359,000 to
£384,000. Total gross dividend,
0.68p (0.61p). Substantial growth
in export orders should ensure
material improvement in current
year's results, board reports. allocation once again of DM 60m to disclosed reserves. Although margins on credit business narrowed, both the parent bank and the consoli-dated group expanded their volume of business. Dresdner Bank's balance sheet total rose by 11.1 per cent to DM 53.924m while that of the group rose by 15 per cent to DM 84.980m.

SINGAPORE STOCKS ISSUE Government of Singapore has announced the offer of a compo-

BANK LEUMI

Bank Leumi Le-Israel BM to raise about £700m (Israeli) (£43.5m sterling), by various issues, including a one-for-five rights issue.

PREUSSAG-PATINO Hanover.—Preussag AG, the major mining and machine manufacturing firm, has acquired 26 per cent of Patino NV.—AP.

Dow Jones.

LDN & EUROPEAN GROUP Newbridge Holdings has acquired 883,675 shares in its own name, bringing total holding of New-bridge and subsidiary to 1.38m shares, or 14.95 per cent. TWO EIB LOANS IN FRANCE Fre-tax profit down from £598,000 to £368,000 after share of losses of associates of £14,000 (nil) for year to September 30. Dividend held at 1.54p. towards two nuclear

# is optimistic

site issue of government regis stocks for subscription on 21. Money raised will be us finance development.

European Investment Bank has granted Electricité de France two loans totalling equivalent of 322.3m francs (57.4m units of power stations.

# DUFAY BITUMASTIC LTD.

Audited results of the Group for the year ended 31st December, 1976. The comparative figures for 1975 have been restated so as to reflect the adoption by the Group of a new accounting standard governing the valuation of stock and

work to progress.			
12 months to	31.12.76 £000	-	31.12.75 £'000
Sales	9,949		9,181
Profit before taxation Taxation	712 305 .407		1,070 505 565
Less: Pre-acquisition profit after taxation (Barford Chemicals Limited)			503
Profit after taxation Extraordinary item	402 52 454		565  
Dividends	734		~03
Interim 0.7p paid (1975: 0.5p) Final 0.8125p proposed	. <b>65</b>	46	
(1975: 0.875p)	75	81	
	140	_	127
Profit retained	314		438
Earnings per share based on profit after taxation shown			
above	<u>4.4p</u>		6.1p
The Board recommends a fir	al dividend o	F 0.81	250 per

share, making a total for 1976 of 1.5125p (1.375p for 1975). If approved the final dividend will be paid on 16th May, 1977 to members on the Register on 15th April, 1977. The Board expects at least to maintain the rate of dividend for the current rest. for the current year.

State State

In view of the many difficulties encountered in the on the many difficulties encountered in the course of 1976 the results achieved are considered not unsatisfactory. Sales for the year increased by 8.4%. Margins were, however, eroded to some extent by cost inflation, the full effect of which for various reasons, including price control, could not be passed on in our selling prices.

In the Annual Report the Chairman states that he is quietly confident that, given reasonable trading conditions, the Group will make progress in the current year.

Copies of the full report and accounts will be obtainable from: The Secretary, Dufay Bitumastic Ltd., Darlington Road, Shildon, Co. Durham DIA 2QP.

# The Edinburgh and Dundee **Investment Company Limited**

Summary of Results for year to 31st January		
Total Net Assets at Market Value		
Ordinary Stock Units: Asset Value Earnings Dividend	164.7p 3.72p 3.50p	169.0p 2.98p 2.80p
Geographical Distribution of Investments	%	%
Equities: United Kingdom United States Japan Europe Australia Other Countries Total Equities Fixed Interest Stocks	30.2 34.5 5.5 1.4 3.1 3.7 78.4 13.8	27.8 40.3 5.0 1.9 4.3 4.5 84.8 12.5 2.7
Deposits less Current Liabilities	7.8	2.1

Summary of Statement by the Chairman, Mr Hugh McMichael

- Earnings per share rose by 25% and the Board recommends a similar increase in dividend from
- The fall of 2.5% in the asset value compares with a fall of 3.5% in the F.T. Actuaries Index and a fall of 7.9% in the Standard & Poor's Index after adjusting for
- In the U.K., the rate of inflation is again increasing, industrial production figures continue to disappoint and unemployment remains high. North Sea oil will benefit the balance of payments but its effect on the economy in general will depend very much on Government policy. We continue to believe that the United States is currently the most attractive country for equity investment.
- Present estimates suggest that earnings per share will be modestly up in the current year but if money was moved from Government securities into equities the earnings outlook would become less favourable. Our aim continues to be the growth of income and capital without undue emphasis on either.
- Over the past year or so, critical attention has been directed to investment trust companies because of the large discounts at which they are quoted in relation to asset values. The prices of investment values. The prices or investment frust company shares, as of everything in which there is a true market, reflect the balance of supply and demand. Recently supply has exceeded demand.

  Discounts have, however, narrowed somewhat from the peaks in Carobar and may continue to

in October and may continue to do so as the merits of well managed investment trust com-panies are given renewed con-sideration.

Copies of the Annual Report may be obtained from: Baillie,Gifford & Co.

Turnover

Nes profit

Taxation

On land sales

Developments Limited

On trading, including rental income

INTERIM STATEMENT NATIONWIDE EXPANSION CONTINUES

Despite the severe economic climate currently affecting the

house building industry, the Barratt Group reports an increase of 30% in the number of houses built and sold

ended 31st ended 31st

December December 1976 1975 £000 £000

33,280

4,234

4,258

2,227

2,031

62

45,760

3,844

1,998

1,846

#### FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

# Insurances lead way down but tone better after hours

demand for stock was almost totally waped-out by thoughts of what Mr Denis Healey's speech

might contain today.

For much of the session prices weakened and throughout jobbers were taking on stock in unwanted positions. For the leaders especially, prices were dominated by nerves rather than any volume of stock coming out.

Next month will bring the 1976 figures from Clarke Chapman. These will be a record after the interim rise in profits from 13-59m to 13-59m. The full year profits should have been around 17-8m against 17-5m and a gross maximum dividend of 71p would compare with a share price of 69p. Clarke is thought to have lots of work to do out-side the CEGB, but if it goes ahead soon with another power station, Clarke's shares would respond quickly. er bid as

The day started on a weak not and, at its worst, the FT Index was 7.5 points down at 410.6, before hardening a point Tenerife.

definitely a penny off the Hopes of cheaper money and expectations of a continuation of the current price code were the principal morale-boosting

factors, although many brokers were taking advantage of the day's inactivity and heading home early to avoid the next expected snow shower. So the leaders fared badly in

a very thin market. ICI were 10p off by the close at 350p and were down by a like amount at 458p, 432p and 475p respec-tively. Tate & Lyle, which unveiled its refinery retionaliza-tion plans yesterday fell 6p to 264p and after very much as expected results Reckitt & Colman sank 5p to 375p. But many of the worst

were concentrated on the insur-ance pitch. General Accident slumped 7p to 180p, Sun Alli-ance came off 13p to 430p, while Royal Insurance were marked down by 16p to 318p as the market counted the likely underwriting loss on the horrific "Jumbo" collision in

at the close to 411.6. Curiously, the newly-quoted After-hours trading on the first day of this new account was a bittle brighter and a and the shares dipped 10p to dealer reported: "We're 237p despite a batch of better-

than-forecast results. Sentiment inevitably dragged Willis down in line with the composites although insurance brokers are immune from risk and the premiums on which they earn which were similarly hesitant formulast suffered falls of the market but a round of the market but a round of cheap buying later in the session offered scant support. Prices were off by between 3/16 and 3 by the close and longs, which were similarly hesitant formulast suffered falls of premiums on which they earn commissions will inevitably rise as a result of the disaster.

For gilts, it was very much a wait-and-see day. In both

after. Selling was small at the short

between 111p and 113p, taking its FMC holding to just below

7 per cent.
Clarifying its obligations under rule 32 of the Takeover

it be required to make a 133-for 100 share offer, equivalent to the highest price it has paid

Borthwick, however, empha-sized that the conditional offer

present.

and formless, suffered falls of around }.

It was also difficult to give much shape to the day's trading longs and shorts, the market in second-line equities and, as opened slightly easier and never so often recently, the session really got into its stride thereafter.

Selling was small at the short speculation.

#### Latest dividends

Latt	2f A	TAXOTA	Hus			
Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Years	Prev	
(and par value) -	div.	- 460	date	cotai	уеат	
Barrati Develops (10p) Int	2.4	1.82	17/5	_	6.54	
Black & Edgington (50p) Fin		2.87	_	1.00	5.62	
Elackwood (Canada) Fin	NII	25t	_	Nit	50+	
Brent Chemicals (10p) Fin		1.17	27/5	2.33	1.62	
Clayton Dewandre (25p)		4.01	8/6	5.98	5.43	
Dufay Bitumastic (10p) Fig	0.81	0.87	16/5	1.51	1.37	
las Fisher Fin	7.34	1.3	31/5	2.73		
Freeman (London) (25p) Fig	3,12	2.83	_	8.33		
Moran Tea (£1) Int	5	3	25/5	_	9	
A. & J. Mucklow (25p) Int	3	3	1/7	_	5.96	
Ofrex Group (20p) Flu	1.83	1/63	. —	3.16	2.83	
Paterson, Zochonis (10p)	2.28	2.24		3.08		
Pifco Holdings (20p) Int	0.76	0.69	2/5_		2.41	
H. & J. Quick (5p) Fin	0.52	0.52	27/5			
Redditt & Colman (50p) Fin		· 4.85	12/7			
Wills Faber Fin	5	4.5*	27/5		4.5	
Wolstenholme Bronze (25p)	4.06	3.66		7.06	6.41	
Dividends in this table are	औ० सर्व	net of	tax on	pence	per shar	rę,

enviounds in this radie are shown net of the on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.54. \* Foretast. † Cents per share.

African merchanting group, was a bright exception. The latest to go through what has been dubbed the "Inchcape gap", the shares rose 25p to 225p and the "A" climbed 30p to the same level on prospects of breaking dividend restraint.

Ladbroke dropped out of the takeover stakes, after a lively canter last week, and the shares slipped 6p to 110p. But the William Press rumours just will not evaporate. They were off 2p on the day at 561p, but had recovered from an earlier level Becnard Sunley was a strong

market, climbing 8p to 1530 on renewed bid hopes, while Peachey Property struggled to its feet after last weeks savage bear raid and edged 1½p for-ward to 30½p ahead of the results which are due (omorrow. The rest of the sector was narrowly mixed.

Better-than-expected profits from Freemans (SW9), pulled the shares up by 14p to 194p and the two other specialist mail-order firms, Empire Stores and Grattan Warehouses. and Grattan Warehouses, climbed 4p and 3p to 102p and

The South African Budget

fear of American bullion sales. Among the hardest hir were Kloof, down 20p at 350p, Bracken off 12p at 74p and Welkom which lost 13p at 182p.

Nottingham Manufacturing is attracting attention on two counts now. One is the traditional strength of its cash resources, and the other is the impression that profits this year will grow from 1975's £11.3m to around £13.5m. The 1976 profits were well ahead of market hopes, and textiles are

BP dipped 30p to 784p ex dividend, still affected by Wall Street influences, while Shell Transport dropped 14p to 474p. Equity turnover on March 25 was £80.13m (18,458 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were ICI. Wm Press, Ladbroke, Shell Transport, BP, EMI, De La Rue, Pork Farms, Paterson, Zochonis, Lucas Inds, Imperial Group, Marks & Spencer, Loncho, GUS "A". Centre Hetels, Gustaf Accident ETP. Hotels, General Accident, BTR, Peachey Props and Wilmot

#### in the half year to 31st December 1976 over the corresponding period last year, making a rotal of \$,000 for the full year of 1976. This is the fourth consecutive year in which this rate of expansion has been achieved. Margins have inevitably been under pressure with cost inflation and the incomes policy both taking their toll. The following are the unaudited results of the Group

slowly but surely improving. The shares are 82p.

Pre-acquisition profit 1,959 Profit attributable to Group 1,846 Interim dividend 646 492 1,200 1,477 The strong forward sales position, supported by the excellent land bank, will enable the Group to take full advantage of the recent upturn in the private sector. Current housing activities extend over 260 developments throughout

The Group's involvement in both contracting and commercial development continues to make satisfactory progress; in particular future rental income will receive a substantial

in particular future rental income will receive a substantial boost from two fully let major office developments in Scotland which will be completed this year. It is the intention to increase the dividend for the year by 10° to 7.214p net per share, being the maximum permitted by current legislation. An interim dividend of 2.4p net per share has been declared this will be payable on 27th May 1977 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 26th April 1977.

L. A. BARRATT

28th March 1977

### Swire plans to float properties

With the aim of bringing its property interests to the Hong-kong Stock Exchange within the next three months, Swire Pacific is consolidating its property in-

Swire Pacific is one of the largest trading groups in South East Asia. It has interests ranging from airlines, borrling, docks and laundries to television.

The Swire Properties offshoot is now discussing terms for the takeover of Swire Cheung Development, of which 46 per cent is directly joined by Swire Pacific, and which has its own quotation in Hongkong.

The merger would be made by a share exchange of Swire Properties shares for the 49 per cent of Swire Cheung's issued capital whot already held by Swire Properties.

Pending the outcome of the talks, Swife Cheung has asked for its shares to be suspended.

The possibility that the group would put its property together has been present for some time, but the decision has been taken as a result of the review of property interests announ-

At present the property divis-ion's biggest project is the de-velopment of Talkeo Shing, a

# Borthwick's titbits

By Ronald Pullen
Thomas Borthwick will today
offer the NFU Development Trust, which is vigorously opposing its takeover approach to fellow meat trader FMC, various options including a deal that could give the Trust a 20 per cent stake in the combined

company.

After further market purchases last week, the trust now

controls just short of 48 per cent of FMC. So without the agreement of the Trust its take-over proposals will fail.

would give the Trust 15 per cent of the new company. But as an extra inducement one of the possibilities Earthwick is now planning to propose is that the Trust should take some of the underwriting for the 125p cash alternative to its share offer which would reise

cent.
The Trust will also be offered

industry:
Borthwick's attempts to soothe FMC met with a curt

# for adamant NFU

response yesterday from Mr Jack Clarfelt, FMC's chairman. He said that his board was still considering the bid, but that "so far we have not been convinced of the commercial logic" of the Borthwick proposals.
Meanwhile, Borthwick has continued with its small market operation. On Friday it bought a further 130,000 shares at

Acceptance of Borthwick's revised 25-for-16 share offer

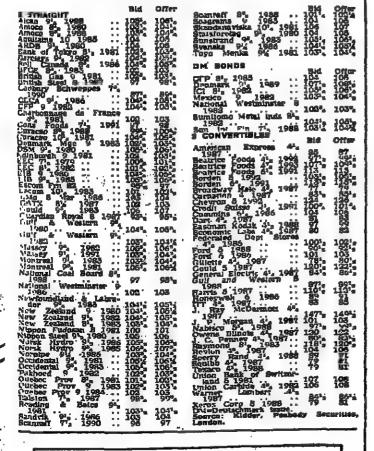
the farmers' interest to 20 per

board representation on the

new concern. Borthwick will argue its case in its meeting with the board of the Trust today that a merger of the two groups will not result in "swift, unpopular changes" in the United Kingdom meet

#### new city

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)



# **Financial Results**

•	1975	1976	nerobba
Sales	£'000	£Dec	%
Home	8,219	7,514	21.0
Export	4,141	7,322	76.0
-	10,360	14,836	42.8
Profit before Taxation	1.013	1,760	74.0
Taxation	523	900	72.0
Profit after Taxation	490	860	75.0
Dividends (9.9275%)	165	182	. 10.0
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investment in buildings, plant and machinery has exceeded £2.5m in the last three years. During this time, increased investment in stock and debtors was £3.0m. The rise in stock value was caused by the increased cost of materials and labour, whilst the increase in debtors was due in part to higher export sales where credit periods are extended. These investments have been financed by retained profits and by short term borrowing which still amounts to only approximately 25% of the Capital and Reserves.

The Chairman, Mr. C. J. Pittard, forecasts that "there is reason to believe that results for the current year will be equal to, or better than, 1976'

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## Margins up as Ofrex climbs 28 pc

Streamlining and rising productivity paid off for Ofrex Group last year. Turnover rose 18 per cent to £24.9m and pretex profits by 28 per cent to £2.1m. Margins widened from 8 per cent to 8.7 per cent. Earnings a share went up from 6.36p to \$.67p. and the dividend is 4.86p gross against 4.43p. The group would have done even better but for competition both

Code, Borthwick amounced yesterday that only in the event of its revised offer which is conditional on FMC board agreement not being made will at home and abroad, and climbing costs. The first two months of 1977 are the most promising that we have recorded for several years ", Mr Drexer says. Virtually all divisions report record figures. Ofrex makes stationery, educational supplies, and equipwas the only one being dis-cussed with the NFU Trust at ment, besides fastenings and

# **Brent Chemicals are** hatching pay-out ploy

By Desmond Quigley Brent Chemicals national, the specialist indus-trial chemicals group, is busy seeking ways further to increase its total dividend distribution, traving got its pre-tax profits up by 47 per cent in 1976.

The total payment for the year has risen from 2.96p a share gross to 3.585p gross, or 21 per cent (39 per cent for shareholders who took up their full rights issue entitlement last year). Yesterday, as the FT index came off 6.5 points, the shares slapped 1p to 119p where the yield is a mere 3

With the Treasury having blocked any larger increase in the dividend after the rights issue, the board is now considering other ways of raising it to provide shareholders with a better yield—which could involve another rights issue, or a GEC-type approach to the

Sales for the year expanded by 41 per cent to £13.8m while the pre-tax profit increased from £1.08m to £1.59m. Earnings a share rose from an adjusted 8.7p to 12.1p where the share, at yesterday's closing price, were selling on an historic p/e ratio of 9.8.

The results include three months' net contribution from Savilles Hydrological, acquired last year. The company reports that even without SHC both sales and profits for Brent would have been up by at least 25 per cent on the preceding As a result of the rights

issue and the strong belance-sheet of SHC, Brent ended the year with a net cash surplus. The board is still placing emphasis on overseas business may before long start seek ing work in the precious-metal-mining industry in South Africa LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the One Hundred and Pifty-first Annual General Alecting of the Members will be held at 150 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ on Wednesday, 13th April 1977 at 3.00 p.m.

W. PROUDFOOT General Manager and Activary

150 St. Vincent Street Glasgow G2 5NQ. 11th March 1977.

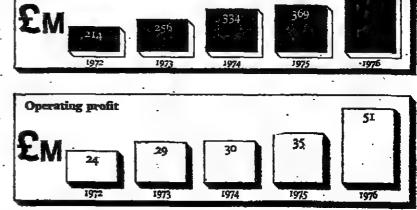
# Operating profit up 48.2% Earnings per share up 71-1%

Sales increased by 31.1% to £484.25 million, while operating profit on these record sales rose by 48.2% to £51.43 million. Exchange differences for the year gave a benefit of £4.22 million compared with £0.71 million in 1975, and these are a factor in the percentage increase in earnings, which are shown below both before and after exchange differences. Earnings of the Group in 1976 were £28.11 million, an increase of 71.6%. In 1976 Reckitt& Colman made 77.0% of its sales overseas, and 82.1% of its operating profit from these sales. Exports from the United Kingdom were up by 41.4% to £27.14 million, and operating profit on these exports was (4.30 million. The company reduced further its total net borrowing by £1.26 million to £24.84 million.

This was achieved after applying £10.35 million to the acquisition of businesses, and £21.21 million in additions to fixed assets. A new pharmaceutical factory is due for completion in Hull by the end of 1977, and two new prescription products are being considered by the Committee on Safety of Medicines. A joint venture is being established in the USA to market these and other Reckitt & Colman . pharmaceuticals. All areas of the world performed well, with outstanding progress in profit in Europe and Latin America, and good growth elsewhere, despite the poor economic climate in some important areas. Although in the UK operating profit on domestic sales showed a good recovery, profit margin was still below the average for the Group as a whole,

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Trading profit	54-97	39.42	
Interest payable less other income	3-54	4.71	
Operating profit	51-43	34.71	48.2
Exchange differences	4.22	0.71	
Profit before tax	55-65	35-42	57.1
Tax on profit	24-41	16,60	
Profit after tax	31.24	18.82	-
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Preference dividends	0.16	0.16	
Earnings attributable to	***************************************		
ordinary shareholders	28.II	16.38	71.6
Extraordinary items	1.02	(0.68)	
Profit available for distribution	29.13	15.70	
Ordinary dividends	5.82	5.23	
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The annual report and accounts will be posted to shareholders on Tuesday, 26 April 1977

Sales to customers

Reckitt & Colman Limited, PO Box 26, Burlington Lane, London W4 2RW

#### MARKET REPORTS

# Metals lose ground on the LME

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In copper, cash wire bars lost
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the morning ring. At the afternoon close cash wire bars had lost
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was £16.75 down.

A fall of \$M67 at Penang unsettled tin and in the morning
ring standard cash lost £82.50 and
three months dropped £90. At the
afternoon close the losses were
£195 and £197.50 on the day.

Lead was under pressure from
fairly heavy long liquidation. In
the morning ring cash lost £19
und three months was £19.75
down. At the afternoon close
losses were £29 and £29.50. Zinc
followed the trend, the morning
cash loss being £6.75 and three
months was £5.25 down. The
losses at the afternoon close were
£15.25 for both cash and three
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Silver lost between 7.70p and

Silver lost between 7.70p and 8.50p in the ring.

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114	95	Deborah Ord	96	_	8.2	8.5	4.8		
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62	45	Henry Sykes	49	_	2,2	4.5	5.7		
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#### Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed moderately lower in Europe yesterday reacting in late trading to a record \$1.87 billion US trade deficit ing in late frading to a record \$1.87 billion US trade deficit reported for February.

The yen moved steadily higher, closing at 276.65/85 against the dollar in Europe from 278.35/55 Friday, in response to the Japanese Prime Minister's statement that it should be allowed to float according to market forces.

European markets did not show deep apprehension over the US trade shortfall which was apparently still associated with the severe US winter. US imports jumped 3.4 per cent in the month, led by petroleum products.

But some central banks, led by the Bank of England, may have entered markets to ensure exchange market stability in late trading, dealers said.

Sterling closed 10 points up on Friday at \$1.7187. The effective rate is unchanged at 61.8 per cent.

Gold lost \$3.75 an ounce to close in London at \$149.875.

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Money conditions remained fairly tight throughout the day on Lombard Street yesterdey although the Bank of England gave a moderate amount of assistance to enable the houses to balance their books at the end of the day. The help was all in the form of overnight lending, to five or six houses, at MLR (10) per cent).

Underlying factors suggested that the authorities had done more than was actually necessary, yet rates were still firm at 10 per cent at the close, having fluctuated between 10 and 103 per cent all session. Banks' balances were fairly well up over the weekend and there was a modest excess of Government disbursements over revenue transfers to the Excheoner. cent).

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But these factors were outweighed by a combination of a small net Treasury bill take-up and the repayment to the Eank of the large locats made to the market on Friday.

Treasury bills were moderately acrive with "hots" trading at 95-16 to 1 per cent, against 911-32 to 2 per cent on Friday.

Yesterday's Wall Street Yesterday's wall street and Camedian closing prices will appear tomorrow. Later publication is caused by the change to British Summer Time. This will continue until Eastern Daylight Time begins in the United States.

### Money Market

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Discount market Wheat supply-demand outlook for year is 'reasonably comfortable'

A reasonably comfortable supply-demand situation for wheat in 1977-78, unless exceptionally large shortfalls in production occur in some important producing regions, is forecast by the International. Wheat Council in its latest market

report. Because of the probability of smaller sown areas in Canada and the United States, it is likely that world production in 1977 will be lower than the 1976 record of over 413 million tonnes, but the outturn could still be large, particularly if weather in the main producing areas is favourable from now

on, says the report. In reviewing 1977 production prospects, a distinction is drawn between the situation in North America and other regions. In Canada and the regions. In Canada and the United States, estimates of areas planted with winter wheat and of sowing intentions for spring wheat indicate a fall in expected total acreage as

compared with 1976. In the United States, says the report, total sowings of both winter and spring crops are forecast to be 7 per cent less than in the previous year and there could be a similar reduction in Canada, attributable in a large part to the abundant supplies in those countries and their effect on producers' returns.

Sown areas in most countries in Europe, Asia and North Africa ere as high as last year. The weather appears to have been fair to good on the whole the principal exception having been North America, where prolonged drought affected some major growing arecs, although in recent days there have been good rains in many of the dry areas in the United States.

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show some reduction compared with the previous year, due to unfavourable weather which hampered winter sowing in northern Italy and the United Kingdom. But with the exception of these countries, which had heavy and prolonged rain, prospects for the 1977 harvest are described as excellent.

On the Soviet Union the report says that unfavourable conditions in early winter could affect yields of winter-sown crops, including wheat. But the increase in plantings is expected to help to offset any problems caused by insuffi-cient plant development.

Lack of snow cover in the southern part of the country, including the Ukraine, could increase the risk of damage if temperatures drop sharply durant ing the spring.

The weather appears to have been mild so far and moisture is regarded as sufficient. Good progress has also been reported with the planting of spring grains.
The Soviet Union's official

target for total grain productreater for total grain produc-tion is 213.3m tonnes. Last year's grain harvest was a record 224m tonnes, of which 96.9m tonnes was wheat, in-cluding 44.6m tonnes of winter crop and 52.3m tonnes of spring wheat.

Reviewing recent business, the report says that since entering the market in November, 1976, China has purchased over 5m tonnes of wheat, including 2.5m tonnes from Australia, about 2.3m tonnes from Canada and 0.3m tonnes from Argentina. Of this total, it is estimated that 2.4m tonnes will be shipped in 1977-

The report says that information available to date sug-gests that the total area sown Wheat Council, a special survey covers production, consump-tion, trade, domestic prices,

markening, storage, current policies and future prospects for the Turkish wheat

for the Turkish wheat economy.

Turkey is a major wheat producer and its estimated crop of 16,500,000 tonnes in 1976 ranked sixth in size among all wheat producing countries, about 30 per cent of the crop consists of durum wheat and with the probable exception of the Soviet Union. Turkey is the world's largest producer of this vriety.

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expanded rapidly, mainly as a result of an increase in area rather in yields. Comparing the 1949-53 average with that for 1969-73, the wheat area increased by 70 per cent and yields by 23 per cent.

However, in 1975 and 1975 yields rose steeply partly in response to the introduction of high-yielding varieties which accounted for about one-tenth of the sown areas. At around of the sown areas. At around 230 kgs per year, per capita food use of wheat in Turkey is one of the highest in the one of the highest in the world. Surplus production in 1976 has enabled Turkey to enter the export marker for the first time since 1972-73.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture, the Soviet Union plans to increase its grain storage capacity by about 30m storage capacity by about 30m tonnes under the current five-year plan which runs to 1980. An article in USDA's mag.

azine Foreign Agriculture says that precent storage capacity is about 250m tonnes, with about 100m tonnes on farm, 140m tonnes off-farm and the remainder presumed to be on state and collective farms and inter-farm enterprises,

Last year's target of 4.830,000-tonne increase in storics capacity was not reached, partly due to show tages of building materials, including reinforced concrete and the final total, according to Soviet sources, was 4,300,000

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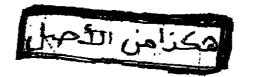
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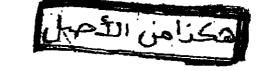
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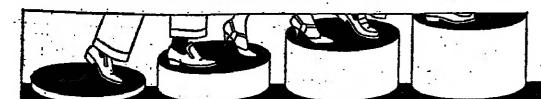
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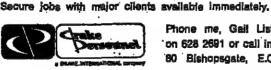
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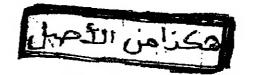
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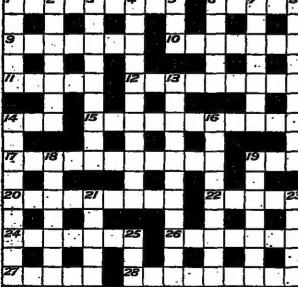
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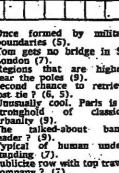
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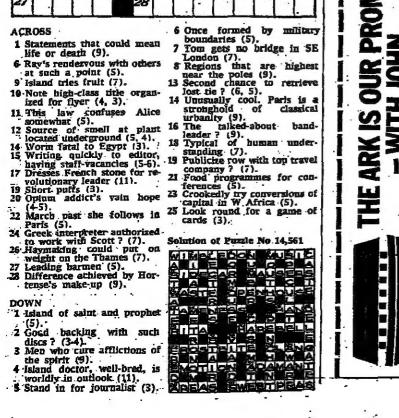
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